

January 15, 2024

In December we complained about the warm weather and the lack of snow. We had to stay on the pavement for recess because the fields were muddy and getting ruined. Welcome to January!

January and February are typically challenging times for recess activity, either because the lack of snow, or too much snow, or the temperature. At last week's staff meeting, we discussed a few activities we could offer students during recess times. By the time we were done, we had something happening almost every recess of the week. Teachers committed their time and their gifts to create a variety of opportunities for students to try something new, get better at something they already tried, or just have fun doing something with a variety of people maybe beyond their regular friend group.

Some of the activities include LEGO club, DrumFit club, mini-sticks tournament, art club, badminton tournament, colouring club, and crochet club. Many of these are open to students in specific grades but ask your child if they are interested in any of these opportunities.

I am thankful to the staff who recognized the need for these opportunities. Even if a staff member is not involved in the activity, they may have offered to cover the yard duty of a teacher who is running the activity. What a testament to a staff who cares about the students enough to spend their breaks offering them continued opportunities to grow and excel.

January Events

19 - School Skating
19 - Pizza & Milk Orders due
26 - School Skating
27 - LCS Information morning
9am-noon



Jan 19
Esther K

Jan 20
Olivia V

Jan 21
Joshua J

February Events

1 - Hockey Tournament
16 - PD Day - No School
19 - Family Day - No School

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda:

This week we will be doing some ice painting, using coloured ice to make pictures. We will also be doing many winter themed activities including mitten matching, snowman alphabet printing cards, and a snowman roll and cover the number game.

Last week our mystery letter was Mm. This week we will learn about a new letter and practice the sound it makes as well as recognizing the upper and lowercase form of the letter.

In **Bible**, we will read about Shadrach, Meshach Abednego, and also Daniel and the lion's den.

In **math**, we are beginning to explore size and will compare different objects to see which is taller.

In **health**, we will begin a new unit about families. If you have a family picture that you would be willing to send in for a couple of weeks that would be great!

In the **gym** this week, we will be playing Penguin Tag.

Tuesday is Library day. We missed our library time last week. Many students have already returned their books, however there are still some yet to be returned. If you still have one at home please send it back so students can take home a new book.

Thursday we will have **Reading Buddies**.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida:

Thank you to everyone who came to help with skating. Your help is greatly appreciated. We will go skating again on Friday. Please come if you can and send the skate bags with a helmet and dry mittens.

This week our focus letter is the short vowel Uu. We will be learning the high frequency word "said". Next I will be sending home decodable readers. This means that the words in the sentences can be sounded out and then blended together to read the word. This is **NOT** a test. Help your child when necessary. If your child is not developmentally ready, then have another person read to your child. We are all at very different levels which is amazing. God did not make us all the same.

We have **show and tell** beginning Monday. Students should bring something that begins with the letter Cc.

Monday: Timothy, Henri, Roman, Isaiah, Alec

Tuesday: Josiah, Jolene, Dominic, Adalie

Thursday: Aria, Ruby, Olivia, Karissa

Friday: Michael, Cameron, Wesley, Kaylee, Addison

If you forget on your day, please bring an item the following school day.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Joseph being sold as a slave and Joseph and the Two Dreams. We will recite our **Memory Verse** every morning. Romans 8:28

For **Handwriting**, we will continue to learn how to print lowercase letters and learn how to print with a line to guide the size of the letters.

We will learn about penguins this week.

I will be looking through our extra clothes to see if we need appropriate clothing. If I need new items, I will send their extra clothes home on Monday. Please return a new set on Tuesday.

Please return **Library Books**, Monday or Tuesday.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog:

Bible: Our **Memory work** for the month of January is **Jeremiah 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Please practice this verse at home! It will be said to me Friday February 2nd.

Language: In our UFLI lessons, we will be working with the unvoiced th sound. In our Handwriting without tears book, we will be practicing printing the letters r and n.

Math: In math this week, we will start working on simple addition, while using a hundreds chart.

Science: Our new science unit is called God Speaks through Matter and Materials. This week we will talk and learn about how God has creatively designed our senses as tools to explore the world. This week we will become more aware of our senses.

Show and Tell Friday January 19: Blake, Delaney, Bryer, Seth, Isaac, Faith * This month's theme is either something that reminds you of something new or an object that reminds you of winter.

Skating: Friday afternoon, Grade One will be going skating again! Please label all belongings. We will not have much time between getting back to school and having a last snack to getting on the bus to go home. PLEASE send your child a quick and simple snack examples: a pudding cup, bearpaw, granola bar, fruit gummies. Thanks!

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Day
Wed. Jan 24th - Dominos

Pizza & Milk Order Forms
Pizza & Milk order forms were sent home last week. Please return the form no later than **January 19th**.

FUNDSCRIP
Fundscrip orders have arrived and will be sent home in Kidmail today.

School Skating

Hockey Practice from noon-1pm
Grade 4 - 8 will skate from 1-2pm
SK - Grade 3 will skate from 2-3pm

A **REMINDER** - everyone on the ice **MUST** wear a helmet.

REMIND

The office utilizes an app called **REMIND** for communication and announcements. If you have not logged into the app or you need assistance in doing so, please contact the office.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh:

Last week, my time was cut in half due to the snow day. Therefore, we will continue with most of the work we started last week but didn't get to finish. I hope you had a fun time with your kids on their snow day if you didn't have to go to work.

Here is our work for the week:

Math - Number sense: This week we continue focusing on word problems.

Phonics, spelling and reading: Last week, I started with the graphemes ee, ea and ey. We decided to continue with last week's phonics this week due to the snow day and the class trip. This week we are still focusing on the graphemes ee, ea and ey as well as the graphemes oa, ow and oe. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. On Fridays, Mrs. Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

Creation studies - Social science: We are doing research on different cultures and traditions in class this week and will be finishing our unit on our local community. Please return all the Family scrapbook assignments tomorrow (January 16th).

Bible: We continue our unit on "Jesus's ministries" and we take a look at Jesus' baptism and temptations. Our Bible verse for the month is **Matthew 4:19: Come follow me, said Jesus, and I will make you fishers of men.**

Library: We have library tomorrow. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it. Please return all the permission forms for the library.

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers:

Thank you Chandra, Teresa, Melissa, Jocelyn, and Katie for coming on our field trip and helping with our class. Field trips are so much more successful with the generosity and watchful eyes of volunteers.

This week at a glance

Wed- Introduction of standard measurement (cm and m) in math.

Thurs- Science Test

Fri- Morning assembly, afternoon skating, and spelling/phonic test (last week's lessons). Adding days of the week to our months of year in French.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus:

I am glad to be back in the classroom after a fun class trip and a snow day. Overall, it seemed like the students really enjoyed the experience of live theatre. I know there were a couple of cringy moments but the good definitely outweighed the bad.

Bible: This week, we will review and have a test on our unit. This includes the story of Cain and Abel, Noah and the ark, Genealogy from Adam and Eve, and the Tower of Babel.

Math: We are learning new skills for mental math this week.

Language: We are working on ending spelling patterns.

Creation Studies: We will continue our review and have a test on pioneer life.

Mrs. Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman:

Assembly on Friday - Our class is hosting the assembly on Friday at 9:30am. Please come and join us as we talk about the beatitude, "Blessed are the Merciful".

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Psalm 103:2 - "Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

I Know It - "Missing Numbers (Multiplication and Division to 10s)" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to iknowit.com and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is lcs12345.

Spelling - Dictation will be NEXT FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on spellingcity.com/tdelleman if students would like to practice their words online. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation.

Spelling Trio - space, rain, black, mane, tale, brain, paint, place, rash, blame, train, main, faint, want, chain, flag, tail, said, frame, flash

Spelling Tigers - grab, star, frog, fork, scar, corn, crop, track, barn, cord, war, trot, scarf, charm, trap, cram, horn, cork, dart, craft, mark, short, prop, brag

Spelling Minions - catcher, picture, measure, figure, butcher, failure, moisture, rancher, capture, future, nature, treasure, teacher, mixture, senior, pleasure, creature, culture, stretcher, leisure, pitcher, injure, torture, posture

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

Bible - We will review our unit on "Later Judean Ministry" and wrap up our learning on this unit. Unit test will be on Friday. Watch for study guides coming home.

Language - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on elaborating our ideas and details. We will continue to look at comparing and contrasting in reading. We will continue to work on fluency and expression with choral reading of five minute mysteries this week, where we will also work on our deductive reasoning and inferencing skills. Our words of the week are: fastidious, lunge, array and promotion. We will begin our novel study Wonder this week and will also work on the above skills through our novel study.

Spelling - We will be reorganizing our spelling groups this week. Next test will be moved to Friday Jan. 26th

Social Studies - We will look at the economics of New France, specifically the fur trade, as well as how God calls us to use money.

Science - We will continue to explore and review body systems.

Art - We will be looking at texture and creating our own Eric Carle collage picture.

Health - We will conclude our unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours and will begin a unit on reproductive systems.

Cursive Snack - Please note to accommodate our new schedule changes cursive snack will be moved to Wednesdays moving forward. Ii - Hudson - Jan. 17th; Esther Jan. 24th; Carson Jan. 31st.

Skating - Just a reminder that all students need a helmet, skates, and gloves to be able to participate in skating on Friday. Feel free to join us.

Belated Christmas Gift - The grade 5/6 students have been working hard to create a gift for you. Please watch for it coming home this week.

Grades 4/5/6 French (Madame Van Kampen):

This week we will begin our unit on the verb ALLER (=to go) which will include learning the conjugations for that verb as well as les batiments (the buildings) and spaces one can go to.

Grade 5- Mr. Boelens:

We are still trying to finish off our unit on Number Sense. Daily lessons, assignments and quizzes will happen this week.

Grade 6 - Ms. Van Kampen:

We will continue the unit on Number Sense, focusing on multiplication and division. Students yet struggling with the Times Tables (i.e. 1 through 12) would benefit from and are strongly encouraged to practice these facts at home, committing them to memory, as they are foundational to our current unit and beyond.

Homework: In preparation for Thursday's class, students are to complete the questions on the "Extensions" page distributed last week being sure to show their work and/or explain their reasoning.

Grade 7/8 Science (Ms. Van Kampen):

As we continue our unit on The Cell, this week we will be focusing on the microscope, its parts & functions, proper use & care, as well as slide preparations and viewing.

Grade 7/8- Mr. Boelens:

Math: Both classes are working through their data management units. Daily work is assigned and being completed. Ask your child if they are keeping up!

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic Orders are going home today. A reminder that our class code is RC177130. If you use the code we can often get free shipping to the school as long as our order is high enough and we gain points for our class to use to improve and update our class library. Also, there are many more books online to choose from as well as the catalogue is no longer grade specific but a quick overview of all categories together.

Bible: We began our next unit last week on Job and Ecclesiastes. We will continue learning about how Job and his friends respond to each other and what we can learn from this book of wisdom. Memory Work (Job 2:3) due on Friday, January 26.

Writing: We are working on an extended project from Guided Reading and continuing to improve our checking and editing skills. We have also been learning where to find tools that will help make the document easier to edit and format correctly.

Guided Reading: The Hobbit: We read through chapter 15 last week and students were to read chapter 16 at home over the weekend. We have a quiz on chapters 13-16 today, 17-29 on Wednesday, and the unit test on Friday. These are all multiple choice quizzes/test. Next week, we will do our final unit project. We will also be watching the first part of the movie next week.

W.W.W.: Work for this unit is due and the test is on Friday, January 19.

Geography: We started our unit looking at the physical forms of geography by completing a map of Canada. This map is due on Thursday, January 18. We will then be doing a very general map of the world so that we know the approximate location of places we are talking about. The map of the world will be due Tuesday, January 23.

Healthy Living: Because of our snow day, we will start our new unit this week.

Music: Continue practicing and bringing instruments on Monday and Thursday. Playing test with a partner of the duet "London Bridge" happening on Thursday, January 18.

French: We are nearing the end of our unit on hockey and will be completing some final assignments over the next 2 weeks.

Art: Our current art project is related to our study of Job in Bible. We are working on designing and creating cards for someone we know personally that could use a reminder that they are cared for and loved. Cards are due by Friday, January 19, but can be handed in earlier. They are then to be personally hand delivered to the person chosen.

Art: We are going to be starting our quilting project this week. If you or anyone you know has experience quilting or has some experience sewing and would be willing to help, please contact me for more information. We would be looking at starting to put the quilt pieces together sometime in February. Thank you.