

# Weekly Messenger

January 29, 2024

## From the Principals Desk

January and February have typically been good months to focus on teaching and curriculum. The busyness of December is behind us and the winter months tend to simplify lots of other activities. Now is a good time to dig in and get busy, lots of work to accomplish!

This year, January has been disrupted by weather days. Just as we think we will get into a routine, another disruption. As we plan our teaching days and week, everything gets bumped by another day. It is challenging to find a routine.

It is my hope that we will get some solid teaching and learning in over the next six weeks. I pray for some routine and some focused time in the classroom where ideas can carry over from day-to-day, projects and activities can be accomplished over shorter periods of time, when days flow into the next day, and we are committed to learning, understanding, and applying our knowledge. We all long for some consistency.

As we work through February, please encourage your son or daughter (or both) to challenge themselves to make February a good month of learning.

## Calendar of Events

### January

30- JK Report Cards go home  
31 - Pizza Day - Domino's

### February

1 - Hockey Tournament  
7 - Pizza Day - New Orleans  
8 - Drum Fit Assembly  
16 - PD Day - No School  
19 - Family Day - No School  
21 - Pizza Day - Domino's  
22 - Basketball Clinic at Woodland

## Announcements

### Job Opportunity:

LCS will be looking to fill the role of Principal/COO for the new school year. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who is, please send your interest and/or inquiries to Ken Rastorfer at [hadmin@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:hadmin@listowelchristianschool.ca).

A reminder to parents to notify the office if your child is not in attendance at school. You can call the office at 519-291-3086, email at [office@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:office@listowelchristianschool.ca) or send a message via the REMIND app.

### Drum Fit Club:

Thursdays at lunch for students in grades 4-8 with Mrs. Wright and Ms. Denhartog.

## Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday celebrations this week go to

Jan. 29

David W

Jan. 30

Trey V

Feb. 3

Michaela L

Feb. 4

Zander S

Happy Birthday

### Spring Auction:

You will notice a letter coming home today in Kidmail. We are looking for donations for our Annual Spring Auction. All of the details for submitting your donation are outlined in the letter. If you have any questions at all, please contact Tanya Slotegraaf or Melissa Stege.

Donations can be delivered at any time to the school office.

### Music Mrs. Wright

We will be having a Drum Fit Showcase assembly on Thursday February 8 at 9:30 am. Please join us if you are able. Students in grades JK-Grade 6 and the Drum Fit Club will be presenting what they have been working on this month.

# Classroom News

## Kindergarten

### Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Baarda

Due to a snow day last week and finishing up assessments for report cards, we did not get through some of our lessons for last week. We will try again this week to complete them.

Our mystery letter last week was the letter Gg. We sang the Jolly Phonics song for letter G and found the upper and lowercase forms of letter G on a letter find page.

We met Magic C Bunny, and he helped us learn how to print the letter C. We will learn some more letters that begin by making a Magic C this week: letters O and Q.

This week, we begin a new **Bible** unit about Jesus. Our first lessons will be about Jesus and the children and how Jesus heals a blind man.

In **math**, we will have a lesson on indirect comparisons of length, and we will begin to explore capacity.

In **Health**, we will be talking about things that families do together.

**Report cards** for JK will be coming home on Tuesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the reports. I would be happy to discuss them with you.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week, we will finish up our lesson on letter Gg and have a look at letter Bb. We will look at a new paragraph to read that includes the new high frequency words "to" and "do".

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will print lowercase letter "t" and print words using lowercase letters that either go between the line, below the line, or above the line.

In **math**, we will begin a new unit comparing numbers between 6 and 10. We will be using math words such as equal, greater than, and less than. We are counting to 50 and learning what number comes "before" a number between 1-10.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our unit on Joseph as he is reunited with his brothers. On Friday, we will begin a new unit about Moses.

Our new **memory work** is Exodus 15:2. It is on the February calendar.

This week we will learn about polar bears and make a polar bear craft.

The February calendar has been sent home. I want to thank all the parents who helped tie and untie skates during our January skating times. Your help was greatly appreciated! All the students made great progress in their own way. I am very proud of their effort. Have a fantastic week!

## Grade 1

### 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 continuing to work with the voiced th sound. In our Handwriting without tears book, we will be practicing printing the letter Hh.

**Math:** This week, we will be adding by counting on. We are working on adding up to 20.

**Science:** We are finishing up with looking at our senses and this week we hope to start talking about matter and materials. We will learn that God's world is made up of matter and that we can study and use it to make many kinds of materials.

**Show and Tell Friday February 2: Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie, Caleb, Hailey** \* The theme for February will be either something that you love or your favourite story book.

\*Please send along a couple **extra pairs of socks**. Feet get cold wearing wet socks all day! Wet socks will be sent home each day. Thanks!

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## Grade 2

### Grade 2 - Mrs. Grundlingh:

**Math** - Number sense: This week, we continue our unit on addition and subtraction.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** This week, we are still focusing on the long vowel teams ie, igh and i as well and doing some vowel team review. 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. We will also be doing Dibels assessments this week.

**Creation studies - Social science:** This week, we are listening to the last few presentations of our student's cultural scrapbooks. Due to the snow day last week we didn't start our new unit on Tuesday. We will start our new unit on communities around the world this week.

**Bible:** We continue the unit on "Jesus's ministries". Our Bible verse for the month is: "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men'" - Matthew 4:19

**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:

**Wednesday**- Math test on standard measurement for length & mass. In science, we will be exploring how God created diversity in creation by looking at solids and liquids. In health, we continue to study personal safety.

**Thursday**- We will be starting a new unit in math on growing and shrinking patterns

**Friday**- Spelling test carried over from last week (specific words to practice were sent on Remind last week)

## Grade 3

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

It looks like it'll be a great week for learning! Since we had a couple of snow days last week we were unable to start our MAP testing. We will start today.

**Math:** We are learning about mental math and subtraction this week.

**Bible:** We have started our new unit on Abraham. Next week, we will start learning our new memory work.

**Language:** MAP testing will be happening during our language period three times this week. We will be reviewing ending patterns.

**Health:** We are continuing to learn about healthy eating.

## Grade 4/5

### Grade 4/5 - Mrs. Delleman:

**Memory Work** - due FRIDAY - Psalm 103:3 - "Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases."

**I Know It** - "Basic Division with Remainders" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://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 FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://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

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We will continue 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. Students are encouraged to memorize the conjugations of ALLER as this is a foundation in their French "career":

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tu vas	vous allez	qui va?
il va	ils vont	
elle va	elles vont	

## Grade 5/6

### Grade 5/6 Math - Ms. Van Kampen:

**Grade 6** will continue the unit on Number Sense, focusing on standard [vertical] multiplication (2 digit by 2 digit, 3 digit by 2 digit) and long division with the plan for a unit test to occur on Friday afternoon.

**Grade 5** will be provided with a variety of math [number sense] activities as the Grade 6 students complete their current unit. The plan is to begin a unit on measurement with both grades next week.

**Homework:** Students will be expected to complete work assigned in class for the following class period.

*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.*

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### Grade 5/6 - Mrs. O'Boyle:

**Bible** - We will begin a new unit on the Triumphal Entry through Passover.

**Memory Work** - "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26" Due: Wed. Feb. 14th

**Language** - We will continue to look at articles and pronouns in grammar. In writing, we will work on elaborating our ideas and including details. We will also work on writing topic sentences and proper paragraphs. We will specifically work on writing pieces related to our Wonder novel study. We will practice our reading comprehension through our Wonder novel study. We will continue to work on fluency and expression with choral, echo, and partner reads of five minute mysteries this week, where we will also work on our deductive reasoning and inferencing skills. Our words of the week will also be tied to our novel study Wonder, where we closely examine unknown or less common words, such as, anomaly, elective, ordinary, cleft palate, hysterical, hindsight, obnoxious, schlep, precept, stampede, and mortality.

**Spelling** - Next test will be on Feb. 9th.

**Social Studies** - We will look at the fur trade in New France, and will also look at language and what led to bilingualism.

**Science** - Our Lifestyles Down the Generations interview is due Tues. Jan. 30th.

We will review healthy eating and the importance of physical activity this week. We will also explore blood, covering topics such as what blood is and blood transfusions.

**Art** - We will continue to look at texture and create our own Eric Carle animal collage pictures. (Hoping for no more Wednesday snow days so we can have some uninterrupted studio time!)

**Health** - We will continue our unit on Mental Health and will be looking specifically at the stigma that is often attached to mental health.

**Cursive Snack** - Carson Jan. 31st; Jenna Feb. 6th; Damian Feb. 13th

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## **Grade 7/8 Science - Ms. Van Kampen:**

With the inclement weather days of last week, we 'lost' our science blocks. Thus, we need to yet pursue further use of the microscopes, with slide preparations and viewing of a plant (onion skin) and an animal cell (human inner cheek swab).

## **Grade 7/8 Math - Mr. Boelens:**

**Math:** Both classes are working through their data management units.

**Grade 7** will complete their mid unit review on Monday, the enrichment graphs on Wednesday and Lesson 5-5 on Friday.

**Grade 8** will finish their enrichment graphs and Mid unit review on Monday, Lesson 5-4 on Wednesday and Lesson 5-5 on Friday.

## Grade 7/8

### **Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Vogel:**

Because of our snow days and focus on finishing our Hobbit projects last days, the rest of this week's plan will be similar to last week.

**Bible:** We are continuing our unit on Job and Ecclesiastes by looking in detail at how Job's friends responded to Job and his responses back to them.

**Writing:** We will be doing a short grammar unit for the month of February.

**Guided Reading:** Well done on the Hobbit projects! Look for pictures on the parent Facebook page.

**W.W.W.:** Unit 6 work due and test on Friday, February 2.

**Geography:** We will continue to look at landforms, how they change, and how humans interact with and change them.

**Healthy Living:** We will be beginning a unit "Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours" this week.

**Music:** We are going to continue working through our method books and will be looking to add more music to our portfolios soon.

**French:** We are nearing the end of our unit on Hockey. Students are working on a final written piece for the unit that is to be done entirely at school and without the aid of computers or other devices.

**Art:** We started designing our quilt squares this past week and will continue working on that this week. Again, if you or anyone you know is able to help us out with sewing or by lending a sewing machine to our class likely in mid February, that would be awesome! Please let me know, thank you.