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Weekly Newsletter – October 16, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Thought:

Good words are worth much and cost little.

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul
and healing to the bones. *Proverbs 16:24*

Morning Drop-off Procedures: Thanks to all for settling into the morning and afternoon routines. When we work together our system organizes, manages and ensures that our children are as safe as possible.

Now that it is mid October, I think it's time to reflect and improve upon our system. Please remember that school starts at 8:45 a.m. and we expect the usual practice for the arrival of our students is that they arrive before this time and line up with their class.

We do however; understand that from time to time, parents/students may be late for whatever reason. If this occurs, please enter the building through the front school office doors and say good-bye to your children from the office. Please do not proceed down the school hallway with your child/ren. The hallway is narrow and congested with students and teachers already; besides the students all know the routines by now and have learned some independence. Let's not create a situation of learned helplessness. We want to teach responsibility and independence when and where possible. It's all part of education.

Please also realize, that if your child/ren do come through the front doors, **they are late with grace** (no late slips are handed out). However, if coming through the front doors is a regular routine for your family, there is a problem that needs to be rectified. The rules and regulations are for all and we need to be good role models for our students/children.

All students entering the classroom after 8:55 a.m. are sent to the office for a late slip. For some students this means they have arrived on time but took too long in the hall getting ready. For others it means they arrived too late and didn't have enough time to get ready for class.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

KCA Cross-Country Runners Excel at Meet

A team of fourteen runners from grades 3 to 8 braved the wind and chilly temperatures yesterday, securing great places and times at our ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) tournament in Stouffville. They competed against eleven other schools in gruelling races that took them up and down steep hills, over roots and sticks, across fields and around obstacles. Our athletes displayed great courage and determination and are to be commended for their healthy competitiveness and great team spirit.

Events like this would not happen without willing and able parents and grandparents who drove, marshalled and cheered. A heart-felt "thank-you" goes out to Mrs. Stafford, Mr. Taurasi, Mr. Watten and Mr. Vamvakidis. I am so proud of you all!
Mrs. Major

OUR NEW S.L.T.!

Congratulations to Luigi Addante, Amanda Koerssen, Carmen Russo, Natalie Shemavonian and Sophia Vamvakidis. These students have been chosen by their peers to form our 2009/2010 Student Leadership Team.

The team had its first meeting on Wednesday and there are lots of great ideas and fun events in the works. We are looking forward to a great year!

Terry Fox Run

Thank you everyone for your participated in the Terry Fox Run, we had a great day. We raised \$543.05 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you to the volunteers who came and helped make this event a success.

Well done!



EVENTS

Oct	Event	Note
21-23	Fair Glen Trip	(gr. 4-5-6)
23	Non-Uniform Day	Cost \$2.00
30	Picture Day	In full uniform
Nov.	Operation Christmas Child	
5-6	ACSI Teachers' Convention	No School
9	PD Day	No School
11	Remembrance Day Ceremony Trip	Grades 4-8
14	Comedy Night Fun/d Raiser	Church/School



SWAP program:

Thank you for your orders for the Shopping With a Purpose Program this month. Your orders have arrived. Enclosed is a new form. Please complete and send back to the school office with your payment by November 10th. With Christmas fast approaching, now is the time to start thinking about gifts for your friends, family and teachers! Gift cards are a great solution to your Christmas giving needs. Check out the gift cards offered through this program and consider purchasing through SWAP. To receive your order by Christmas time, we ask that you place your orders by December 1st.

KCA Events:

Just a reminder to send back the Parents In Action Seminar Response Form as soon as possible. This will give us an indication of the interest in providing you with seminars of the topics that you are interested in.

KCA Book Fair:

The Book Fair is soon approaching! It's time to clean out those book shelves to make room for the new books your children will be bringing home. The PIA is very excited to be adding a "USED BOOKS" area to this year's Book Fair and we are counting on your help and support. Please bring in all your gently used books that your child no longer enjoys by **Monday November 30th**. The books can be dropped off at the school office. Just remember...*reusing is just as important as recycling!*

Upcoming Comedy Night:

In conjunction with Nashville Road Community Church, we will be holding a Comedy & Banquet Evening on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30pm.

This is for parents only and our goal is to raise support through a silent auction as well as to enjoy a relaxing evening. Some of the proceeds from this event will be for our fundraising account and the rest will go towards an organization who rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression - International Justice Mission. Tickets are \$35 per person and are now available at the school office... Please mark this date and plan....See attached flyer for more details.

Thank you for your support! Any questions or ideas can be emailed to PIA@kleinburgchristian.ca. Parents In Action Team.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

Monday: Library begins

Tuesday: We're creating a fall craft.

Wednesday: We're baking today...and it has something to do with apples!

Thursday: What's orange and grows on a vine?

Friday: Painting a fence!

Bible: God's Special Family. The story of Jacob and Esau is one of sibling rivalry and God's promise to Abraham.

Memory work: Genesis 28:15, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.

Letter and Sound for the vowels: A a, E e, I i, O o, U u

Please help your child listen for the vowel sound in the following words:

bed, hen, ten, web

in, is, it, tin, pin, dip

Big Book Language: Growing Pumpkins

Math: Ask your child to sing the days of the week and the months of the year.

Appreciation: Thank you for the variety of healthy snacks for the students to share.

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: We will be learning about Jacob's son, Joseph.

Memory Verse: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28

Language: We continue to review the letters Rr and Pp as well as Qq and Vv. We continue to review our colour words and will be learning the song '5 Green and Speckled Frogs.'

Math: We move into our new unit on counting and matching.

Social Studies: What fun we had learning about apples, especially trying the different kinds of apples and apple cider. Yum! This week we learn about leaves and gourds.

“Let’s Go For a Walk” Posters are due back on Monday, October 19.

Giulian was our Student of the Week! Next week’s student is...?

If you still have a picture for the **Chirp Planet**

Contest please send it in with a parent signature on the back.

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Wisdom. Focus Story: The Wise and Foolish Builders.

Memory Verse: “Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock.”

Spelling: List 5: set, help, yet, belt, tent, bed, sell, bread, head, said. Bonus Words (optional) pet, heavy, spread, met, led.

Phonics: Focus: completing sentences using short vowel words and reading high-frequency words.

Reading: Sight words we will be practising: **look, make, me, my, not.**

Math: Chapter 3: Addition and Subtraction facts to 12.

Science: As we wrap up our unit this week, we will take a look at the difference between matter and materials in God’s world. We will also do an experiment to see how matter can change form.

Language: Focus: Practising writing sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a period, and matching rhyming words.

Writer’s Workshop: This week in writer’s workshop we will focus on the second writing trait, “word choice”. Students will be challenged to write a paragraph describing their favourite season and will have a time to “be the author” as they share their writing with one another.

Have a wonderful week!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

Bible: Character Trait: Wisdom. Focus Story: The Wise and Foolish Builders.

Memory Verse: “Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock.”

Spelling: Review of Lists 1-5. The test this week will look a little bit different. On Thursday, students will complete a multiple-choice review test that requires them to choose the word that is spelled incorrectly. We will practise this in class together throughout the week. An example of the review test went home in your child’s yellow Spelling duo-tang today.

Phonics: Focus: review of short vowels through a writing exercise, practise reading and writing words with the long a, i, and u sound.

Science- We are continuing to look at the characteristics of different groups of animals and will be starting a project on insects.

Math- We are finishing up Unit 2 and will be having a test on Friday

Reading: Sight words we will be practising: **know, let, live, may, of.**

Language: Focus: writing rhyming words, practise writing sentences that express a complete thought.

Writer’s Workshop: This week in writer’s workshop we will focus on the second writing trait, word choice. Students will be challenged to write a paragraph describing their favourite season and will have a time to “be the author” as they share their writing with one another.

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GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

Math: Addition with re-grouping up to four digit numbers.

Reading: We have begun a “Fairy Tales” unit. This week we are continuing to read fairy tales, looking for common, distinguishing features such as setting, language (ie: Once upon a time/ happily ever after), characters (villains and heroes), problems and solutions.

Writer’s Workshop: Last week we thought of ideas for great fairy tales. This week we are implementing these ideas, formulating a “writing plan” and creating a “story map”.

Spelling: The sixth week of spelling is a review week. We will review the spelling concepts learned during the previous five weeks (hard and soft g/c, consonant blends)

Language: Writing with adjectives.

Bible: Building into our lives the character trait: Obedience. What does the bible say about kids and obedience?

Science: Introducing a new unit “The Heavens Declare”. In this unit, students will explore the earth, its moon, the sun, and the planets of our solar system. Be prepared to be amazed by God’s amazing work, grade threes.

Cursive Writing: finishing up the “clock climber” letters (a, d, q, g, c) and introducing “kite string” letters (i, u, w, t, j, p, r, s, o).

Bible Verse Memory: To be tested on Friday, October 30th.

Blessed is the one who obeys the laws of the Lord. He doesn’t follow the advice of evil people.

He doesn’t make a habit of doing what sinners do.

He is like a tree planted near a stream of water.

It always bears fruit at the right time.

Everything godly people do turns out well.

Psalm 1: 1,3

Happy 8th birthday, Abel!

GR. 4 / 5– MISS HALLYBURTON

Memory Verse: *Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.*

Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36

Bible Life of David

Spelling Lesson 7 test on Friday

Language Gr.4 Practicing with quotation marks
Gr. 5 Test, Thursday on subjects, nouns, and verbs

Math Gr.4 Unit 3 Geometry

Math Gr. 5.– Finishing up our Geometry unit and will be having a test on Tuesday.

Social Studies Justice and Elections unit test on Friday, review in class

Literature Unit on short stories concluding.

Music Instruments needed every Monday and Thursday

GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP

Next week will be a short work week with our trip to Fair Glen from Wednesday to Friday. Check the packing list to be sure to have everything necessary. It should be a great trip!

“Club Excel” continues next week from 3:30 – 4:15 on Tuesday, October 20.

Items planned for next week:

Bible: We continue to learn about Jesus’ early ministry.

Math: We are working on Unit 2: Whole Numbers. We will have a quiz on Tuesday on lessons 1-8.

Science: We are preparing our lab report using PowerPoint.

Spelling: No spelling test this week.

Keyboarding: Typing skills continue to improve.

Grammar: We plan to continue to develop our knowledge of paragraphs through the analysis and writing of different types of paragraphs.

Writing: Journal writing is going well. This past week featured some shared writing and dialogue. We have started Creative Writing and penmanship practice as well.

Literature: We continue to document the rising action in the story of Billy Sunday. We should soon be reaching the climax of the story.

Computers: We practiced our formatting skills on the text of a poem “A Fun Day in the Sun.”

Gym: We wrote a soccer knowledge test on Friday, October 16, 2009. Our next unit is Football.

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Next week will be a busy one as many of our units are coming to a close. Unfortunately, this means several tests for the 7/8’s next week. However, we will do

plenty of review in class and students will have ample time to prepare.

Here’s what’s happening next week. . .

Spelling - Definitions and sentences will be done in class this week. Test will be Friday.

History – Unit One test on Wednesday.

Grade 7 Math – Unit Two test on Thursday.

Grade 8 Math - We are finishing up Unit 2 and will be having a test on Friday.

Science – Chapter Two Quizzes on Friday.

Reminders: The Grade 4-6’s are away Wed. to Fri. so we will not have our rotary subjects those days. We are having a “Les Habitants Lunch” on Wednesday to compliment the grade 7’s study of New France.

GRACE & PEACE!

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

Grade 1’s are learning words for fruits and vegetables, their colours, as well as voting for their preferences.

Grade 2’s are learning lunch box food items. Yum! Yum!

Grade 3’s are creating imaginary stories, and will be presenting them along with the French words they have learned thus far.

Grade 4/5’s will be listening to instructions on how to make pizzas, in preparation for composition writing after their Fair Glen trip.

Grade 6’s are composing complete, accurate descriptions of faces, in preparation for composition writing after their Fair Glen trip.

Grade 7/8’s are presenting their compositions on fast food restaurants at Kleinburg Christian Academy. We will be having several listening and reading tests this week to wrap up this unit of study.

