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Weekly Newsletter – November 13, 2009



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Thought:

Sow today what you want to reap tomorrow.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. *Galatians 6:7*

The prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi is a powerful model of a longing to bring positive change in a hurting world: “Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

A farmer who sows wheat is never surprised when wheat grows from the ground where it was planted. That’s the universal law of sowing and reaping; physically and spiritually. “Our sinful nature says, ‘satisfy yourself,’ while the spirit urges us to please God.” *Galatians 6:8*

What’s growing in your garden?

Student Dress Code: Effective Monday November 16th, girls will have the option to wear the tunic/kilts or long pants to school on a daily basis. Tunics/kilts will be mandatory once again after March Break. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Cancellations: If school at KCA is cancelled due to inclement weather, you can know as early as 6 a.m. by visiting www.schoolbuscity.com or listen to most radio stations. The rule of thumb is this: if York Region school busses have been cancelled, KCA will be closed. Please listen or read carefully though; cancellation may be “region-wide” (KCA is definitely closed) or “municipality specific” (KCA may or may not be closed). Once the decision is made by the York Region Board of Education, it will appear shortly thereafter on the KCA website.



Nov	Event	Note
14	Comedy Night Fun/d Raiser	6:30 p.m. Church/School
18	Operation Christmas Child Chapel	All boxes due
26	ACSI Spelling Bee	
27	Student Progress Reports go home	
27	Non-Uniform Day	Cost \$2.00
Dec. 1&3	Parent/Teachers Interviews	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
8-10	KCA Book Fair	Times to follow
17	Christmas Program	7:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

“WACKY TACKY DAY!”

Attention parents, students and staff! On Friday, November 20th we will be having a Wacky Tacky Day. Wear the wackiest hair style and tackiest clothes you can think of. (Remember, it needs to be wacky but still appropriate for school.) This is a fun and free non-uniform day. Prizes will be given for the wackiest hair and tackiest clothes. So, come as wacky and tacky as you can!

Upcoming Spelling Bee Tournament:

Our Spelling Bee tournament is fast approaching (November 26th). We will have team practice times on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (3:30-4:05) for the next two weeks in preparation for our tournament.

When you are practicing at home, please remember that you need to “say, spell, say” each word as it is dictated to you. At the tournament you will also have the option of requesting that a word be repeated, said in a sentence, or be defined. We are using the phrases “May you repeat the word?” “May I please have a sentence, and “May I please have a definition”.

Moms and Dads, I received notice this week that parents/guardians are welcome to attend the opening address and closing ceremonies but will not be permitted in the classrooms while competitions are in progress. I realize that this has changed from last year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Spelling,
Mrs. Major

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due November 18th. Kindly remember to include a cheque for \$7 to cover shipping costs. Thank you for your generosity! We will have a chapel service to dedicate the boxes to the Lord Wednesday at 2:50 p.m. Please join us!



Comedy Banquet:

Thank you those who purchased tickets for the upcoming banquet this Saturday evening! We look forward to a great time together.

Philippines Project:

Thank you for the flood of donations for families and people in need in the Philippines. The church foyer is full of items that will benefit those who have suffered from the devastation of the floods and storms. Please remember all items needs to be in no later than Friday, November 20th. Thank you for caring!

SWAP Program:

With Christmas just around the corner, make your life easier and SHOP with SWAP! Check out the gift cards offered through this program. Gift cards are a great solution to your Christmas giving needs. All orders must be in by December 1st. Complete the enclosed order form and hand in to the office by December 1st.

Hot Lunch Program:

Don't forget the order forms were due back this week. Please remember to send in with your payment as soon as possible. Please note, there is no school on December 21st and therefore we will not be ordering pizza! This order will be deferred to the first Monday back in January. Sorry for the confusion!

KCA Book Fair:

The Book Fair is fast 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!*

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

Monday: Please return your book for our Library visit today.

Friday: Wacky Tacky Day!

Was that a wacky phrase to say?
Will you wear tacky clothes today?
Will we have a wacky snack?
Will our story start at the back?

If we come with wacky hair,
Will the other children stare?
That's ok, we don't care!
We might be a wacky pair!

Bible: The story of Hannah and her son, Samuel

Memory work: Deuteronomy 30:16

I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands.

Phonics Review: We're reviewing the following: five vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and four consonants (s, t, b, h)

Rhyming: Please read the wacky tacky poem to your child. Help them to listen for the rhyming words.

Big Book Language: The Big Bears

Math: One, Two Buckle My Shoe

Science: Hibernation

Appreciation: Thank you for reading our weekly newsletter..... I want you to be aware of our JK activities.

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: We continue with the story of Moses as he leads the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised land.

Memory Verse: "Don't be sad. The joy of the Lord makes you strong." Nehemiah 8:10

Language: We are learning about the short a sound this week and are practicing reading short a words. We will also practice writing sentences using the word wall and our own sounding out abilities. Our new sight words are the, I, my, here, with and said.

Math: We will finish our unit on numbers 0-5 with a 'test' on Friday. We are also practicing printing these numbers, trying very hard to use the correct lines and start in the correct spot.

Social Studies: We continue with All About Me discussing the differences and similarities between our families and homes.

Giulia was our Student of the Week. Which of our friends will be next?

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back this Wednesday. Send in your completed boxes at any point!

Hand Sanitizers: In accordance with school policy we always have plenty of hand sanitizer in our classroom and we use it regularly throughout the day. Please **do not** send personal hand sanitizers to school with your child as this has started to create a variety of problems.

If you wish to help us out, may I suggest a donation of antibacterial hand wipes. Thank you!

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Faith. Focus Stories: David and Goliath, Peter Walks on the Water, and Elijah Visits a Widow.

Memory Verse: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Spelling: List 8: wide, mile, line, hide, fire, nice, fine, mind, find, behind. Bonus Words: wire, pipe, like, bite, kind.

Phonics: review of long and short vowel *a*, *i* and *u*. We will also be working with high-frequency words.

Math: We are beginning our new unit on Time.

Social Studies: We will begin the week by sharing our family trees. We will be wrapping up our unit with discussion on rules and routines in our school. We will also be role-playing “bullying” situations and discussing the effect that bullying has within a classroom and also the school at large.

Language: Focus: alphabetical order, sentence completion and punctuation.

Writer’s Workshop: This week in writer’s workshop we will work from our graphic organizer of “my favourite season” and complete a published copy to share with the class.

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Jonathan!**
2. Family Tree projects are due on Monday! Please ensure that your child brings theirs in to share with the class.
3. Operation Christmas Child **shoeboxes are due this Wednesday.**
4. We are running low on pencils and erasers! **Please send in pencils and white gum erasers.** Thank you in advance.
5. Term 1 reports go home on Friday.

Have a wonderful week!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

Bible: Character Trait: Faith. Focus Stories: David and Goliath, Peter Walks on the Water, and Elijah Visits a Widow.

Memory Verse: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Spelling: List 9: smile, smart, best, free, spend, blind, float, plant, slumber, sting, frowning, friends, creek, glue, bring. Bonus Words: crack, stem, glide, blast, freeze.

Phonics: Focus: r, l, s, and f blends.

Language: Focus: sentence completion, root words, suffixes and days of the week.

Writer’s Workshop: This week in writer’s workshop we will work from our graphic organizer of “my favourite season” and complete a published copy to share with the class.

Math: We will be starting a new unit on Place Value to 999.

Science: Great job on the insect projects! I was very impressed. We are now moving on to Unit 3 – Solid, Liquids and Gases.

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GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

It was so nice to have all of the grade three students healthy and back to school!

There are lots of great things to learn and experience this coming week in grade three.

Math: Putting the finishing touches on our subtraction unit (chapter 4).

Science: Learning about our solar system/ the characteristics of each planet.

Reading: Gathering information about our solar system from non-fiction sources. We will practice taking “jot notes” and organizing facts using graphic organizers/charts.

Writing: Students are practicing how to assemble facts (about planets) and form them into a report using complete sentences. Students will also be learning about citing information in the form of a bibliography.

Art: Exploring texture. Students will use several “tools” to create textures with paint.

Language: Building our “class word wall” and well as honing our editing skills (checking for punctuation, capitalization and complete sentences).

Bible: Character trait is “Responsibility”. We are reading bible stories about interesting people who did, and did not act responsibly. What can we learn from these characters? How can we demonstrate responsibility at home, at school, in our world?

Spelling: List # 9- This week’s words contain “consonant digraphs”. Consonant digraphs are two letters, such as th, ch, sh, cr, wh. When two consonants are combined in a digraph, they make completely new sounds. This week’s words are: thunder, farther, reaches, chicken, wheat, Thursday, foolish, father, brother, awhile, chimney, sharply, leash, bother, shipment, feathers, charge, shovel, whiskers, crush.

NEWS FLASH: Congratulations to Emily on a second place finish at her singing competition last week!

Happy 8th birthday, Bryce!

Have a great weekend,

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 11

Language: Gr.4 Practising with quotation marks, commas and punctuation

Gr. 5 Compound sentences

Math: Gr.4 Unit 3 Geometry, shapes and angles

Gr. 5 We are starting Unit 4- Data

Management

Science: Human Organ and Systems

Literature: Noah Webster, biography study

Music: Instruments needed every Monday and Thursday. Students are expected to practise for about 15 minutes daily. Test on Thursday, first two lines of “All Through the Night”.

GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP/MRS. BERG

Next week should be a regular school week and it will be good to get back into routine. The P.D. days were useful in that we were able to gain new ideas and strategies that I hope to use right away. I am most excited by some of the technology that I learned about and the Gym workshops I went to. We were also challenged to develop character in our students so that they can be problem-solvers and distinguish between knowledge and wisdom.

Items planned for next week:

Bible: Memory work for November 20: Matthew 9:35 “*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*” We are learning about Jesus’ ministry of healing.

Math: Look for math test results from Unit 2 in the Friday folders. We are working on Unit 3: Geometry. Students need to have a protractor and a ruler for this unit. These items should be in their geometry sets.

Science: We have begun our next unit on “Diversity of Living Things”. Students will be working on a project about an Extinct Creature. More details will follow with a description of the requirements.

Computers: We spent time making sure our computer work was organized, complete and accurate. We will continue with picture editing skills next week.

Gym: Students who missed the re-test for the Soccer unit scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 will have opportunity to write it on Tuesday, November 17th. We will also be having a quiz on Ultimate Frisbee as a

follow-up to the field trip on Friday, November 13th.

Look for a study sheet to come home on Monday
Spelling: next week, Lesson 10 and the test will be on Friday, Nov. 20/09

Grammar: We will be working on sentence structure, and identifying nouns

Writing: The students should have their three sources for their five paragraph Research Paper. This week we will be starting the writing process.

Literature: Finishing up with Billy Sunday, and for the next week we will be reading several short stories.

Music: Test on Thursday #17

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on our trip to the Remembrance Day ceremony in Toronto. The students had a very memorable experience and we, the teachers, were very proud of their positive attitudes and behaviour. Here’s what’s happening next week. . . .

Memory Verse – 2 Corinthians 7:1

Spelling– We will have a new list this week. Sentences and definitions are due Wednesday. Your test is on Friday.

Geography– We start our first units in Geography this week.

Science– We finish Unit 1 and we will have a short quiz on Thursday.

Language– We begin a new unit on Informational Writing. Students are encouraged to bring in newspapers and magazines.

Math Gr. 7– We have a Geometry test on Wednesday.

Gr 8: we will be starting Unit 4- Fractions and Decimals

Music: Test on Friday

Grace and Peace

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

Grade 1’s are starting a new unit on toys. There will be a lot of games and activities this unit!

Grade 2’s are starting a new unit on pets. Watch out for little critters coming home!

Grade 3’s are practising being a salesclerks and clients in a pet store.

Grade 4/5’s are learning new words for summer and winter activities. Test on the negative (ne...pas) November 19th. Students know to study Langue et Pratique workbook pages 20 – 22.

Grade 6’s are learning about different types of careers. Vocabulary test November 19.

Grade 7/8’s are continuing to think about characteristics and qualities necessary for various professions. Test on the past tense November 17.

