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Weekly Newsletter – November 20, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Thought: A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful who gets the credit.

So then, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you may do, do all for the honor and glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Please complete the enclosed Parent/Teacher Interview Form and return to the office next week.

Email Addresses: Please see attached letter. Please complete the form and have returned to the office next week. If you have communicated this to the office recently, no need to complete the form unless additional information is being reported. Your response is greatly appreciated.

Open House at KCA: On Wednesday November 25th, KCA will be hosting an Open House from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you know of any families that may be potentially interested in sending their children to Kleinburg Christian Academy next year, would you kindly pass on the enclosed Promotional Flyer or call them with the information? Better yet, attend with them and show them around the school. Thank you for your partnership.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Picture Re-take Day

Tuesday, November 24th.
9:15 am

Upcoming Spelling Bee Tournament:

Our Spelling Bee tournament is fast approaching (November 26th). We have two remaining team practice times (Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:05) to prepare 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”.

I will provide an address and map to those parents who are driving to the tournament next week. Happy Practicing,
Mrs. Major

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your shoeboxes! KCA delivered 175 boxes to our local distribution centre in Brampton. God bless you!



Nov	Event	Note
24	Picture Retakes	9:15 a.m.
25	Open House	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
26	ACSI Spelling Bee	
27	Student Progress Reports go home	
27	Non-Uniform Day	Cost \$2.00
Dec. 1 & 3	Parent/Teachers Interviews	4:00 to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
8-10	KCA Book Fair	
17	Christmas Program	7:00 p.m.



Christmas Choir will no longer be practising Tuesdays after school. We're doing a great job learning our song, and have decided that one practice at Thursday morning recesses will do! Thank you!



ATTENTION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SINGERS AND ACTORS!

Remember, there is an all cast rehearsal after school on Tuesday from 3:30-4:15. Please practise your lines and songs this weekend. Everyone must have their part memorized by Friday, November 27!!

Thank you, Mrs. McArthur and Ms. Agnew



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.



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!* We are looking for volunteers to come and help out during the book fair. If you are available for just a few hours on one of the book fair days, please fill out the attached form and return to the school by November 30th. Thank you!

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

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

Tuesday: Gabriel's bringing teddy grahams for our patterning practice.

Wednesday: A long winter's nap! Students may bring a teddy bear today.

Thursday: Rise and Shine, we're eating porridge just like the three bears!

Friday: Do bears like toast with their honey?

Bible: Samuel and his harp

Memory work: Deuteronomy 30:16a

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

Letter and Sound: M m

Big Book Language: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Math: Big, bigger, biggest and small, smaller, smallest

Appreciation: Thank you for labelling hats and mittens. I appreciate your help in helping your child demonstrate independence.

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: We will finish learning about Moses and continue the Israelite's story as Joshua leads them into 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 i sound this week and are practicing reading short i words. We continue to practice writing sentences using the word wall and our own sounding out abilities. Our new sight words are go, have, love, like, and want.

Math: We move on to a new unit: Numbers to 10. We are learning to recognize the words six, seven, eight, nine and ten. We are also practicing printing these numbers, trying very hard to use the correct lines and start in the correct spot.

Social Studies: We will be practicing our phone numbers and discussing our families. *My Family* booklets are due on Monday. We look forward to showing our books to our friends.

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

Thanks to a generous donation from the Franceschini's we are enjoying a new book and a new toy- Marbulous. We are having great fun making marble mazes! Our class computer is also up and running now and we are taking turns learning with Dr. Seuss! We are always looking for ways to improve our classroom, so if you are interested, an SK Wish list is available.

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Faith. What does the opposite of Faith look like? What happens when we doubt God?

Memory Verse: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Spelling: List 9: rule, use, tune, mule, cute, huge, tube, grew, few, knew. Bonus Words: threw, due, true, clue, you.

Phonics: Focus: Rhyming long vowel words, reading comprehension activity.

Math: Chapter 4: Time. Focus: How many hours are in a day? How many days are in a month? How many months are in a year? We will also continue to work with time to the hour and half-hour as well as an introduction to quarter-to and quarter-past the hour.

Social Studies: We are beginning a new unit on Structures entitled, "God Shows us How to Build".

Focus: What is a structure? Is there a difference between a man-made structure and a structure made by God? What shapes do we see reoccurring in structures? Are some shapes stronger than others? What are some structures that I recognize within my community?

Language: This week in Language we will be introduced to our first author study. Each week we will be reading the works of different authors and responding to them by sharing together as a class and also through our own individual seatwork. **Author of the week:** Robert Munsch.

Writer's Workshop: This week in writer's workshop we will move on to our third writing trait, *voice*. We will see how authors such as Robert Munsch allow their personality to come through in their writing and bring

the story to life. We will also be writing our first *voice* piece.

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Thomas!**
2. All cast rehearsal for the Christmas musical on Tuesday: 3:30 – 4:15pm.
3. ACSI Spelling Bee on Thursday.
4. Correction from last week's letter – Term 1 reports go home *this* Friday.

Have a wonderful week!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

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Memory Verse: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

Spelling: List 10: trip, drove, plan, kind, floors, melting, blaze, spill, flowers, Friday, frozen, please, broken, fresh, special. **Bonus Words:** treasure, plane, depend, spare, frost.

Math: We are continuing to work on place value and numbers up to 999.

Science: We will be working on some fun science experiments to teach us more about solids, liquids, and gases.

Phonics: Focus: y as a vowel, y as a consonant, consonant digraphs: *kn, th, and ch.*

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GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

Term two has begun! Here is what is up-coming this week.

Math: We have started our fifth chapter: Geometry.

Concepts this week: right, acute and obtuse angles, flat or "plane" figures such as squares, rectangles, triangles, rhombus, circle, symmetry, parallel and intersecting lines.

Reading: We are beginning *Pocketful of Stars* sequel reader, *In a Country Far Away*.

Writing: Applying the "Six Traits of Writing" (ideas, word choice, sentence fluency, organization, voice and conventions) to on-going writing projects.

Spelling: List 10 deals with the sounds of "f" (ph, f, ff, gh).

List words: photo, graphs, laughs, cough, trophy, roughly, enough, alphabet, shelf, after, stiff, elephants, giraffe, geography, nephew, phase, orphan, dolphin, phony, autograph).

Science: Continuing our investigation of planets and the solar system.

Music: Choir, practicing for the Christmas concert.

Art: Creating pictures from the texture samples we made with various "tools" last week.

Have a happy and restful 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

Math: Gr.5 We are continuing on with data management and will be having a test next Friday

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

It was good to have a regular week of school. Just a reminder, Club Excel is on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:00. Please look for an email to see if your child should be coming for review in math, science or computer or needs to catch up on work. Thank you for signing and returning items in the Friday folder. They are being stored in individual portfolios – perhaps they will something to discuss in the upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Items planned for next week:

Bible: Memory work for November 27: John 18:37 ³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of

truth listens to me." Our focus is on "Honesty" – the character trait that we are emphasizing now through our agendas.

Math: We are working on Unit 3: Geometry. Students need to have a compass, protractor and a ruler for this unit. These items should be in their geometry sets. We have a quiz scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 on Lessons 1 - 4. Our unit test is scheduled for on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Science: We are continuing our unit on "Diversity of Living Things" with a study of what it means to be a naturalist. Students need to chose a topic for their Extinct Creature report by Friday, November 27, 2009.

Spelling: Next week we will be working on Lesson 11 and the Spelling Test will be on Friday, November 27.

Literature: As a class we will be starting a new novel on Monday "Message of the Mountain".

Writing: The students have been working on writing their rough draft for their mini research paper. The rough draft/handwritten is due on Wednesday, November 25. On Wednesday the students will be editing each others paper before typing up the final copy.

Computers: We continued our work with picture editing skills. Next week we plan to work on using captions with pictures.

Gym/Health: Results of the Ultimate Frisbee quiz will go home next week after we take it up in class. Look for results of the soccer re-test in the Friday folders. We plan to have a football quiz on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Students should have a copy of Flag Football rules. In Health we are learning about Nutrition.

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

The Grade 7/8's had a wonderful Wacky Tacky Day! Thank you, S.L.T., for organizing a great theme day. Here's what's happening next week . .

Memory Verse - Acts 17:24, 25

Spelling– We will do a review list of our words from term one. No sentences and definitions this week; the test is on Friday.

Literature Circles – We pick new books on Friday.

Geography– We continue Unit One and will have a short quiz on Thursday.

Science – We start Unit Two.

Language – Please bring in newspapers and news magazines!

Grade 7 Math – We start our fourth unit, Fractions and Decimals

Grade 8 Math: We will be continuing on with fractions and decimals unit.

Have a great weekend,

Grace & Peace!

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

Grade 1's are playing with their toys: hopscotch, cars and marbles!

Grade 2's are talking about the pets they have, and the ones they want.

Grade 3's follow the adventures of the little mouse at the hairdresser.

Grade 4/5's are talking about the activities they do in the winter and in the summer.

Grade 6's are studying the formation of "er" verbs.

Grade 7/8's are learning how to form adverbs.

Vocabulary test November 24th.

