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Weekly Newsletter – November 27, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Challenge:

1/ Farmer Joe's chickens and goats were walking through a field. If there were 12 heads and 38 legs, how many goats were there?



I encourage you to sit down with your child/ren this week and solve together. I'll give the answer next week. Enjoy!

The first two students, one from grades JK-3 and one from grades 4-8, that brings the right answer to my attention and is able to explain how they got the answer will receive a small prize from the principal.

New Math Drills Program at KCA:

To enhance and enrich our math program in grades 4-8, we have purchased a math drills package entitled *Spirit of Math*. Our Senior Department Staff was trained on-site, through a 3-hour workshop, by the owner of "Spirit of Math Schools" during our in-service Professional Day earlier this month. We are very excited about this unique program and have already noticed student improvement with speed and accuracy in just a short period of time.

1/ Each drill is strictly timed to exactly 5 or 10 minutes, depending on the grade level. Students can see their progress, having to keep the same time constraint from drill to drill.

2/ The drills are not intimidating; in fact, students generate the numbers themselves in a proper manner, producing a creative type of experience. This, in a unique way, forces students to focus on what they can do, rather than on what they can't do.

3/ Students keep a running record of their own results and graph them to see progress over time.

4/ Group/class averages make the students accountable to each other. Once the class reaches the designated average, then the group can finish that type of drill and move onto the next type of drill.

5/ Students and Teachers are enjoying the experience. Students are motivated to learn and develop their competency in math. We anticipate great results from

this program over time. There is a problem solving component to this program that we will be investigating further at a later date.

For more information about this program, please speak with your child and the classroom teacher in the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews. We'll have it on display for your perusal. **Please see the attached flyer for more information.**

End of Day Dismissal:

If your child/ren are not being picked up by you, the parent or the usual care-giver at the end of the school day, please send a signed note to the office giving us authorization to release them to someone else. If it is a last minute decision, please call the office. Thanks for your cooperation.



Dec.	Event	Note
1 & 3	Parent/Teachers Interviews	4:00 to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
8-10	KCA Book Fair	8:30a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
17	Christmas Program	7:00 p.m.
18	KCA Christmas Chapel	9:00 a.m.
18	Last day of school	Full day
21 to Jan. 1	Christmas Break	Enjoy!
Jan. 4	School Resumes	8:45 a.m.
11	Snow Valley Trip	Gr. 4 to 8

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toronto District Christian High School presents its annual Christmas Concert and Art Display on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. Bring the whole family out to enjoy this celebration of the season, complete with senior and junior bands and a 150 voice choir.



You are invited....

God is good! Please join us, along with hundreds of other guests, for the Grand Opening and Dedication of our brand new, \$3 million dollar Science and Media Centre Wing. Enjoy refreshments and guided tours from 1

pm, with the official program starting at 3 pm,
on Saturday, November 28, 2009



ATTENTION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SINGERS AND ACTORS!

Remember, there is an all cast rehearsal after school in the gym on Tuesday from 3:30-4:15. Please practise your lines and songs this weekend. Everyone must have their part memorized!! If students are not picked up from the gym by 4:25, they will be registered in the after school program. Thank you, Mrs. McArthur and Ms. Agnew

WARM WINTER WEDNESDAYS!

Parents,
On Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th, we will be having Warm Winter Wednesdays. On Warm Winter Wednesdays, we will be selling hot chocolate and candy canes. For \$1.00 each child will receive a cup of hot chocolate and a candy cane. All the proceeds will be going towards our sponsor child.
Thank you, SLT



Spelling Bee News

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Spelling Bee tournament. You certainly represented KCA well! Our students are to be commended for their hard-work, hours of practice time, great sportsmanship, and great results. Team members included Trinity Oosterdag, Simona Mirigello, Julia Cariati, Thomas Karanicolas, Giorja Vamvakidis, Abel Kondoor, Damien Watten, Andrew Russo, Will Lochhead, Sophia Vamvakidis and Lucas Lisitsky. We will be celebrating our hard work and success at an ice-cream party on Monday, November 30th, from 3:30- 3:45. Mrs. Major



SWAP Program:

With Christmas just around the corner, make your life easier and SHOP with SWAP! Check out the gift cards solution to your Christmas giving needs. All orders must be in by MONDAY. Attached is a form for your convenient.

**LAST
CHANCE**

KCA Book Fair: See attached flyer

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

Parent/teacher interviews: I look forward to our Parent/Teacher interviews to celebrate your child's strengths and goals in the JK classroom.

Monday: Please return your book for our Library visit.

Tuesday: What is a holly and ivy wreath?

Wednesday: K is for King, Jesus is our King!

Thursday: Please bring a star shape...preferably not breakable. It will be returned today.

Friday: Please read about December 11th.

JK Parents: Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 11th @ 2:30 for our cookie exchange, more details next week.

Tuesday/Thursday: If the above activity sounds appealing, please let me know and I will incorporate it in December 2010 for you and your child.

Bible: The Angel's visit

Memory work: Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Letter and Sound: K k

Math: Goodbye November, Hello December

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: This week we will learn about the Israelite leaders, Joshua and Gideon.

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Language: We continue to sound out and read short i words. We are doing a great job reading one vowel words. As we come closer to Christmas we will be writing some Christmas words, stories and letters. While we print we are trying to remember where our letters start and how much space should be going between our letters and our words. This week's sight words are at, be, me, day, and to.

Math: We continue practicing reading the number words and printing numbers 5-10. We are also sequencing and comparing numbers 0-10.

Social Studies: We will be looking at all things Christmas. This week we will be learning the Christmas story as well as looking at different Christmas symbols and why we use them.

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

Homework Calendars: Please have the November Calendar in by Dec. 1 to get your prize. New December Calendars will be coming home this week. Have fun!

December Scholastic orders are going home. Please have the orders back by Friday, Dec. 4.

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Honesty (speaking the truth). We will take a look at Paul and his journeys and see that he faced hard times sharing the truth of the gospel.

Memory Verse: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much". Luke 16:10a

Spelling: List10: go, ago, so, over, hope, those, nose, goat, coat, boat. Bonus Words: low, own, blow, sold, fold.

Phonics: Focus: reading/writing long and short vowel words, rhyming words, and practising high frequency words. We will wrap up unit 3 this week and there will be a final unit test on Friday.

Math: Chapter 4 test on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will begin Chapter 5 - Positional Words.

Science: We are continuing on with our unit on Structures. This week we will look at shapes and solids and find out which are the strongest. We will have fun going on a “shape hunt” around the school to make a tally of all the “people-made” structures that we can find. When we have discovered which shapes are the strongest, we will conduct an experiment with eggs – it could get messy. :)

Language: Focus: compound words and opposites.

Author of the week: Arnold Lobel.

Writer’s Workshop: This week we will work with sequencing the stories that we read by Arnold Lobel and will have fun drawing and narrating our very own storyboards.

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Simona!**
2. All cast rehearsal for the Christmas musical on Tuesday: 3:30 – 4:15pm.
3. Parent-teacher interviews are this week. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress.

Have a great week!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

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Spelling: List 11: lady, playful, always, very, empty, angry, any, anyway, maybe, family, carry, pretty, plenty, heavy, hungry. Bonus Words: holiday, sixty, country, easy, Monday.

Science: We will be finishing up our Solids, Liquids, and Gases with a quiz on Friday.

Math: We are finishing up our unit on place value with a short quiz on Friday, and will be starting Time and Money.

Phonics: Focus: consonant digraphs: kn, th, and ch, and r-controlled vowels. We will wrap up unit 3 this week and there will be a final unit test on Friday.

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GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

Christmas has arrived in grade three. This coming week, we are counting down and days, decorating our classroom, preparing concert songs, and remembering the wonderful message of Jesus’ birth.

This week...

Math: We are loving geometry! We are completing the unit this week, writing a test on Thursday, and beginning “Division” on Friday.

Spelling: This week’s words remind us that some letters are silent. (ghost, thumb, known, often, folks, wrist, halfway, listen, knuckle, comb, wrecks, flight, honest, island, Wednesday, numb, wrench, crumb, soften, answer).

Reading: We are beginning a new reader, entitled “In a Country Far Away”. This book is a sequel to “Pocketful of Stars” and will provide more challenging vocabulary and content.

Language: Homonyms, dictionary skills.

Science: Phases of the moon.

Writing: Students continue to work on on-going writing projects.

Happy birthday Massimo and Alaiyah.

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.*

Psalms 119:33, 34, 35, 36

Bible Life of David

Spelling Lesson 13

Language Gr.4 Writing Letters

Gr. 5 Pronouns at Work

Math Gr.4 Unit 4 Multiplication and division

Gr. 5 -We are starting a new unit on Measurement.

Science Human Organ and Systems

Literature Short Story Unit

Music Instruments needed every Monday and

Thursday. Students are expected to practise for about 15 minutes daily.

GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP/MRS. BERG

Club Excel will not be held next week Tuesday because of Parent-Teacher conferences. Please look for an email with attachments to help students with their science research project as well as preparation for their

Geometry test next week. These items may also be found on the school website.

Items planned for next week :

Bible: Memory work for December 4: Habbakuk 3: 18,19 “yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.”

We have continued to focus upon “Honesty” as well as a study of the book of Habbakuk.

Math: Our unit test for Geometry is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Our next unit is on “Decimals.”

Spelling: Lesson 12 and the test will be on Friday, Dec 4.

Writing/Grammar: the mini research paper the students have been working on is due on Monday, Nov. 30. Students need to remember to hand in their entire folder, rough copy and the final good copy.

In Grammar there will be a short quiz on nouns, and on writing a research paper, Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Literature: We will be continuing with our novel study "Message of the Mountain". Most of this will be read in class, some chapters will be assigned for reading at home.

Science: We are continuing our unit on “Diversity of Living Things” with a study of classification and adaptations. Students have chosen a topic for their Extinct Creature report. Look for guidelines for this project in your email. We will spend some time doing research in class next week.

Computers: We continued our work with picture editing skills. We have learned how to use the drawing toolbar in WORD.

Gym/Health: Results of the Football quiz will go home next week after we take it up in class. We will focus on fitness and begin our volleyball unit next week. In Health we are learning about Nutrition. Students will be working on a rap, chant or poem about eating healthy foods.

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

It was a great week in 7/8! Students have started Spirit of Math drills and have shown consistent improvement. In Science, we enjoyed a messy experiment with ketchup, yogurt and maple syrup! In Art, students have started to prepare their canvases for painting. Here’s what’s happening next week. . .

Memory Verse – This week students must memorize the names of books of the New Testament.

Spelling – List 8 sentences and definitions are due Wednesday. Your test is Friday.

Science – We will have a short Science quiz on Thursday.

Math Gr.8: We will be starting our next unit on Data Management

Independent Study Projects – You must hand in your topic proposals.

Reminders– Actors, your lines for the Christmas pageant must be memorized. Don’t forget there is an after school rehearsal on Tues. Bring in \$1.00 for Warm Winter Wednesday.
Grace & Peace!

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE



Grade 1's continue to consolidate vocabulary words, playing jump rope and ball.

Grade 2's will be designing some crazy pets this week.

Grade 3's are learning words for items found in shoe stores and book stores. We are continuing to review colours, numbers and days of the week.

Grade 4/5's are interviewing classmates as to their preferences for sports activities. They are learning to state what they like, do not like, and what they prefer. Vocabulary test December 3rd.

Grade 6's continue to work on forming “er” verbs in the present tense. Test December 3rd on this important grammar concept.

Grade 7/8's are starting a new unit on bizarre and interesting animals. Test December 1 on the pronoun “on”. Study fiche 61 and cahier 55.

