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Weekly Newsletter – December 4, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Challenge: Congratulations to everyone who worked on the math problem from last week. I was pleasantly surprised to hear that some parents were teaching their young children algebra to solve the question. Wow! If you haven't resolved the problem, the correct solution is 7 goats and 5 chickens. The prize winners from last week are Shantelle (SK), Gabrielle (4) and Luigi (8).

This week's question:



There are 34 men building a house. Of these, 17 lay bricks, 14 paint and 16 do electrical wiring. Three men do all three jobs, 3 paint and do electrical wiring, 6 lay bricks and do electrical wiring and 7 lay bricks and paint. How many men do only electrical wiring?



I encourage you to sit down with your child/ren this week and solve together. I'll give the answer next week. Enjoy! Hint ... try making a chart and begin with a reasonable guess as your starting point. Fill out the chart to see how the numbers fall. From there, guess higher or lower, complete the chart and try again until resolved.

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.

Enrichment Program (grades 4-8): Please see the attached registration form for an electives program we are offering in January 2010. Have the forms completed and returned to the office by Wednesday, December 9, 2009. This should be a great opportunity for our students.



Dec.	Event	Note
8-10	KCA Book Fair	8:30 a.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



ATTENTION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SINGERS AND ACTORS!

Remember, there is an all cast rehearsal after school in the gym on Tuesday, December 8th. See note going home today for specific times.

Mrs. McArthur and Miss Agnew

WARM WINTER WEDNESDAYS!

(December 9, 15)



The S.L.T. would like to thank everyone who purchased hot chocolate and candy canes on Wednesday. It was a great recess treat! The money we raised will go towards supporting our sponsor child. Don't forget to bring in \$1.00 next Wednesday, so you can warm up with hot chocolate and a candy cane. Thank you, SLT

Skiing/Boarding/Tubing (grades 4-8):

See attached forms.



Working together with parent's and school to help build a healthy, safe and positive environment for the students of Kleinburg Christian Academy.

During our recent meeting, the PIA discussed the following business items:

Comedy Banquet Proceeds:

A portion of the proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the school fundraising account.

Marketing Plan for KCA:

A story & craft hour has been planned for Wednesday, January 27th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Three open houses have also been scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th, January 27th, February 25th and April 21st. Individual tours are available upon request at any time.

Winter Carnival:

Plans to hold a winter carnival on Saturday, February 20th from 11am to 5pm.

Hot Lunch Update:

There is a great team of leaders (both experienced and new parents). The menu has been simplified and is healthier (more fruit) due to the feedback received from parents. The healthier lunch does cost more. It was suggested that the No Frills Monday lunch rotate between pizza and subs. There has been a 90% sign up rate for the No Frills Monday lunch.

Book Fair Update:

The Book Fair is scheduled for December 8th, 9th & 10th. Set up will be on the Monday. Maria has arranged for a Scholastic representative to be available to assist with set up. Tear down will be on Friday. Christian literature will also be available for purchase at the Book Fair, on a consignment basis from Speelmans.

Financials:

A summary financial spreadsheet of Year to Date activity was provided. In summary, the fundraising is off to a good start. A net of \$4,963.94 has been raised. We are ahead in comparison to this time last year.

KCA Book Fair:



Just a reminder of the Book Fair coming up next week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Thank you for those who have volunteered to come and help with this. Please remember to send in money with your child/ren next week

for the Book Fair. **Also, something special for the parents!** From 8:30am to 10am, you are invited to drop in for some coffee as you browse the books.

Thanks,
PIA Team.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Thank you for making an appointment to celebrate your child's strengths and areas for growth. Let's keep in touch...please call or write a note if you wish to continue our discussion.

Monday: Have you returned your Library book?

Tuesday: J is for Jesus

Wednesday: Warm Winter Wednesday with candy canes and hot chocolate!

Thursday: Gabriel will bring gingerbread cookies for the students to decorate.

Friday: Parents please be at school @ 2:30 for our cookie exchange. Please let me know if you cannot attend.

Bible: Jesus' Birth

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: J j

Math: Egg carton Christmas tree

December Snack Appreciation: The students enjoy their turn serving and collecting water cups. Thank you for your continuous variety of healthy snacks and sometimes treats too!

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: We continue with the story of the Israelite leader, Gideon.

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

Language: We will be looking at the short vowel u.

We will also be talking about how 's' sometimes says 'z' as in has, his and as. As we write our Christmas words, stories and letters we will be looking at the structure of a sentence, namely how it starts with a capital and ends with a period.

Math: We are finishing up counting and recognizing our numbers 0-10 with a Math Test on Wednesday.

We will then be starting on shapes and solids.

Social Studies: We continue to look at all things Christmas. This week we will be talking about different Christmas traditions in our own families and around the world. Look for a Christmas traditions project coming home next week.

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

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Meekness. We will begin to read through the Christmas story.

Memory Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Spelling: List 11: see, meet, keep, week, deep, been, real, easy, beach, clean. Bonus Words: sheep, sleep, heat, heel, teach.

Phonics: Unit 4: The World Outside. Focus: compound words and syllables.

Math: Unit 5: Positional Words and Fact Families.

Focus: What is a fact family? Working with positional words such as: above, in front, behind, below, beside, etc.

Science: Focus: Structures and supports. Why are there different types of bridges? How are bridges supported so that they are able to hold heavy objects such as cars?

Language: Focus: We will look at the fifth writing trait, *Sentence Fluency*. As we read through several stories, we will take notice of how the author uses a variety of different sentence types to keep the story interesting and how the sentences flow together.

Author of the week: Jan Brett.

Writer's Workshop: Together as a class, we will write and illustrate our own ending to "The gingerbread baby".

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Vivian!**
2. All cast rehearsal for the Christmas musical on Tuesday: 3:30 – 4:15pm.
3. Warm Winter Wednesday – For \$1.00, your child can purchase a hot chocolate and a candy cane on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful week!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

Bible: Character Trait: Meekness. We will begin to read through the Christmas story.

Memory Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Spelling: Review of Lists 7-11. The test will be multiple choice and students will be asked to select the correctly spelled word.

Phonics: Unit 4: A Working World. Focus: contractions and plural endings.

Math: We will be continuing on with our unit on Time and Money

Science: We will be finishing up our Solid, Liquid, and Gas unit with a short quiz on Friday

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GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

Bible: Reading the Christmas story from the book of Luke.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 9: 6, will be tested December 11. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Math: Multiplication meaning and facts to (x5) Addition means adding single groups, multiplication means adding equal groups. Turn-around facts: $2 \times 3 = 6$, $3 \times 2 = 6$

*Each student will require two packages of blank recipe cards for our multiplication unit. In order to save you each a trip to the store, please send \$2.00 for your child and I will purchase a class set.

Reading: An imaginative tale, "It Could be Worse". This is a great story for practicing the skill of "sequencing" as story. Students are encouraged to "read as they speak", including appropriate expression and voice inflections.

Cursive: Learning "Loop group" letter formations (h,k,b,f) as well as writing sentences using the letters we have learned.

Spelling: Review week. We are reviewing each of the concepts from lists 7-11.

A complete list will be sent home for study. This week's test will take a different format due to the fact that there are so many words. Students will be asked to identify correctly spelled words.

Social Studies/ Science: Mapping our World Unit: Seeing our world from space, earth/globe landforms, Where am I in God's world?

SPECIAL EVENT: "Mad Science" workshop on Friday, December 11 from 2-3.

Have an awesome weekend everyone,

GR. 4 / 5 – MISS HALLYBURTON

Memory Verse: Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in the way.

Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36

Bible: Life of David

Spelling: Lesson 14

Language: Gr.4 Writing with details
Gr. 5 Pronouns at Work

Math: Gr.4 Unit 4 Multiplication and division

Gr. 5 -We will be continuing on with our unit on Measurement

Science: Human Organs and Systems our Heart

Literature: Book Review on Mrs. G books

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 resume next week Tuesday. To be consistent with other after-school programs, it will run from 3:30 to 4:15.

Please look for an email with attachments to help students with their preparation for their Decimals quiz

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

Items planned for next week:

Bible: Memory work for December 11: Isaiah 9:2
“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

We are concluding our focus upon the character trait of “Honesty” from the Agenda and are on the final chapter of the book of Habbakuk.

Math: Look for results of the unit test for Geometry in the Friday folders. We have a quiz on Decimals scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

Science: We are continuing our study of the classification of living things and adaptations. Students should have their research completed for their Extinct Creature report. A rough draft of the information should be completed by Friday, December 11, 2009. Students will be given a class period on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 to work on their reports. Students may use the handout given last week or begin working in PowerPoint and print a handout as evidence of completion of the rough draft.

Computers: We have learned how to use the drawing toolbar in WORD. We are working with captions, grouping pictures and different ways to cut and paste.

Gym/Health: Look for the results of the football quiz in the Friday folders. We will focus on fitness and continue our volleyball unit next week. Volleyball rules have been introduced and a quiz on Volleyball will be given on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. In Health we are learning about Nutrition. Students need to have their rap, chant or poem about eating healthy foods finished for Tuesday, December 8, 2009. They will be given some time to practice before presenting them to the class.

Spelling: Next week we will be doing Lesson 13, the test will be on Dec. 11

Grammar: We will be continuing our study of sentence structure by learning about verbs this week.

Literature: The class will continue with the novel, "Message on the Mountain" A short quiz on chapters 1 - 10 on Dec. 11.

Journal Writing: Each week, on Monday, the class is given a topic. The students write about this topic in a journal that needs to be handed in on Fridays. The writing is marked on clarity, grammar, spelling and creativity.

Book Reports: Starting this month till the end of the year the students will be responsible for reading one book every month, and reporting on what they have read by writing about it, or giving an oral presentation in class. Students need to bring a book to class.

GR. 7 / 8 – MISS AGNEW

A big thanks to the S.L.T. for organizing Warm Winter Wednesdays, it was a great treat! Here's what's happening next week. . .

Memory Verse: We will start memorizing the books of the Old Testament.

Bible: We will finish our reading of the book of Acts.

Spelling: Ooops! We didn't have List 8 this week (Ms. Agnew forgot!), so we will work on it next week. Your definitions and sentences will be due Wednesday.

Geography We are nearly finished with our first unit. Students will have unit assignments to complete.

Science: More fun in the kitchen with solutions and fluids.

Math Gr. 7: We should be finished our unit on fractions and decimals by Friday.

Math Gr.8: We are continuing on with our unit on Data Management
Grace & Peace!

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE



Grade 1's will be starting a new unit about themselves, including clothing items.

Grade 2's will be starting a new unit all about school and school items.

Grade 3's are play-acting skits from the book, clothing and toy stores.

Grade 4/5's will be finishing up their unit on sports activities, and will be designing t-shirts depicting their favourite activities.

Grade 6's are learning to describe themselves now, with a view to discovering what kind of career might interest them in the future.

Grade 7/8's are reading about interesting tropical animals. Test on the formation of adverbs December 8th.

