



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Weekly Thought:

#### Homework Tips for Parents

by Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities

- 1. Show an interest in your child's homework assignments.** Ask about the subjects and the work to be done.
- 2. Be a role model** -- take the opportunity to read a book or newspaper while your child studies. Reading together helps create a learning atmosphere.
- 3. Teach your child how to be organized.** Be sure he or she keeps a homework assignment book.
- 4. Eliminate as many distractions as possible during study time.**
- 5. Develop a strategy for dealing with homework.** Find a plan that works for your family and stick with it.
- 6. Try to relate the homework to your child's everyday life.** For instance, fractions and measurements can be learned as the child prepares a favorite food.
- 7. Encourage your child to establish a regular time to do homework.** Developing a schedule might help avoid procrastination.
- 8. Meet with your child's teacher** to discuss the nature of the approach to reading, spelling and other topics that your child is being taught.
- 9. Make sure your child has a specific place to do homework** that offers ample lighting, minimal noise and plenty of work space.
- 10. Praise your child** for successfully completing homework. Nothing builds self-esteem like praise from parents.

**Easter Assembly:** All are welcome to attend our Easter Assembly on Thursday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. Students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. from the gymnasium. See you there!



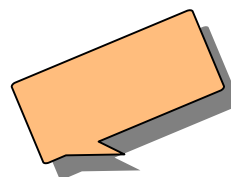
April	Event	Note
1	Easter Assembly	2:30 p.m.
2	Good Friday	No School
5	Easter Monday	No School
15	ACSI Math Olympic	
19	Sk & Gr. 8 Grad Pictures Taken	9:00 am
22	Open House	7:00 – 8:30 pm
23	PD Day	No School
30	Non Uniform Day	Cost \$2.00

### MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Wanted: Junior Hockey Sticks**

We are interested in exposing our students to “ringette”. In order to do this we need twenty junior-sized hockey stick shafts. If you have an un-used hockey stick or a stick with a broken blade, please consider donating it to the school.

Thanks so much,  
Mr. VanGurp and Mrs. Major



#### **KCA Speech Competition**

Congratulations to Francesca Rotondo for her first-place win at the regional competition in Mississauga. Great job, Francesca! Congratulations to all students who competed for us. You did KCA proud! Mme Vereecke



SWAP Program – how YOU can benefit...

Our **Shopping With A Purpose Program** is ideal for all your shopping and gift-giving needs. From every purchase, the school receives a discounted price for our fundraising efforts. This means if you purchase a \$100 gift card, the school receives anywhere from 2-10%. As an incentive, at the end of the school year, we are offering you back 40% of all your profits that you have contributed to the school through this program.

In other words, if you spent \$500 on M&M meats or Tim Hortons (which offers 5% discount) over the course of the school year, you receive 100% in gift cards at the time of order. The school only paid \$475 + shipping.

The profit from this order is \$25. You would then receive \$10 towards another order or you can donate back to the school. The school profit from this order is \$15 less postage & charges. Please note that the incentive is only on orders that profit over \$100 but you get the idea of how you and the school can benefit.

Please find attached an order form which outlines which gift cards you are able to purchase so please, consider our SWAP program for all your shopping needs... *from groceries, to gas, to purchasing a gift for someone else.* We currently have over 20 Tim Hortons and 8 Garden Food gift cards in stock... Please see Lorna for your purchase!

Please have your order and payment at the school on Monday.

## **CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

### **JK – MRS. MORRIS**

**Bible:** Alleluia, Jesus is alive!

**Math:** Caterpillar math

**Phonics Review:** B b, D d, G g, R r

**Language:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Health/Science:** Did the caterpillar eat everything healthy?

**A week in advance...**

**Monday:** Library will resume after Easter weekend.

**Tuesday:** Have you returned your permission trip form?

**Wednesday:** More caterpillar activities.

**Thursday a.m.:** Please pray for a successful trip to The Very Hungry Caterpillar performance.

**Thursday p.m.:** Easter chapel

God fulfilled His promises and broke the power of sin and death by Jesus' death and resurrection. To celebrate more of the good news with your child, read Matthew 28:5, 6.

*Happy Easter!*

## **SK – MISS STAM**

**Bible:** We are learning about Jesus. He came to earth to save us. He also taught, prayed, healed and performed miracles.

**Memory Verse:** “God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes Him will not die, but will have eternal life.” John 3:16

**Language:** We are learning about the long O as in home, coat, bow and toe. We are practicing recognizing the four different ways to read and write the “O” sound.

**Spelling:** Starting in April, we will be having a Spelling Test every Thursday morning. Please practice and review the following words for our first test on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

I bat dig sun

**Math:** We have finished our unit on Time! Well done everyone! We will be starting addition, with sums up to 10, using manipulatives and story problems.

**Socials:** Easter is coming up soon. We will be talking about the Easter story. Jesus died on a cross and rose again to save us from our sins! That is good news!

**Adam** was our Student of the week. Who will be next week?

Due to the condition of the school yard, please consider sending your child to school in splash pants and rubber boots on a regular basis, esp. after rainy days. Thanks!

## **GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR**

**Bible:** The Easter story

**Memory Verse:** No verse this week.

**Spelling:** No test this week.

**Phonics:** Review endings –s, –es, –ed, –ing. Suffixes: –ful, –less, and –ness.

**Math:** We are wrapping up unit 8. There will be a test on Tuesday and we will begin unit 9 (Fractions and Geometry) on Wednesday.

**Science:** We are beginning a new unit entitled, “The Sky Declares”. We will be learning about the sky and its elements. This week we will learn about day and night as well as the reason for the seasons.

**Reading:** We will read and respond to, “Uncle Rich” and “This and That”.

**Reminders:**

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Catriona!**
2. Class Trip on Thursday!
3. April Scholastic orders due Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**More Single Grade Teaching!:** In the addition to single grade Math and Social Studies teaching for the grade ½ class, Mrs. Boersma has recently been hired to accommodate more single grade teaching of Language Arts. We are thankful for this new opportunity.

## **GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MRS. BOERSMA/MISS CRICHTON**

**Language Arts:** In Phonics, we have just begun our new unit on prefixes, base words, suffixes and syllables. We

have been learning that when we add a beginning to a base word such as re-, this is called a prefix.

**Reading:** We have just begun reading, "The Case of the Sneaky Strangers" by Nancy Starr. Students will begin to respond to their reading in small groups beginning next week.

**Grammar:** We are learning the importance of capitalizing a word at the beginning of the sentence. Next week, we will be applying our capitalization rules to proper nouns.

**Math:** We have been working on a fractions review for the past week. Students have had the opportunity to further develop their skills by using counters to understand parts of a large group. Next week, we will begin chapter 8 involving two-digit addition with regrouping.

**Science:** We will be starting a new unit; The Earth Declares. We will be learning about how God created the land and water.

**Writer's Workshop:** This week in writer's workshop we will write about

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### GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

**Bible:** Palm Sunday...Easter

**Math:** Area and Perimeter

**Spelling:** List # 22 Words with ai/ ay, oi/oy  
See green duotang for complete list.

**Language:** Action and "state of being" verbs

**Reading:** Charlotte's Web chapters 4,5,6

**Writing:** Responding to Charlotte's Web

**Science:** "Creatures Large and Small"

\*Animal Classifications: Mammals

\*Choosing an animal for a science project (More info to follow).

Thursday morning: Hungry Caterpillar Theatre Presentation

Thursday afternoon: Join us for an Easter chapel.

### GR. 4 / 5– MISS CRICHTON

**Bible:** The Story of Joseph

**Spelling:** Lesson 26

**Language:** Gr.4 Adjectives

Gr. 5 Quotations and Capitals

**Math: Gr.4:** Fractions and Decimals

**Math: Gr. 5 -** We have just begun our new unit on length, perimeter and area. Students are having a lot of fun measuring various things around the school. Please make sure each student has a ruler to bring to class for the next few weeks.

**Literature:** Novel Study - Danny the Champion of the World

**Social Studies:** Ancient Farming Communities

**Music:** We are continuing to work on O Come All Ye Faithful. This is the first song where students are learning two different parts to be played together.

### GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP/MRS. BERG

**Bible:** Memory work for April 1: "Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit. When he had said this he breathed his last.'" Luke 23:46

**Math:** We have started unit 8: "Fractions, Decimals & Percents." We have a quiz scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010 on Lessons 1-6.

**Science:** We are continuing our unit on "Electricity."

**Computers:** We finished sharing our mystery stories using features in PowerPoint. We began to make a business card for our next project. We will soon be using ½ our time for a session of keyboarding.

**Language Arts:** Spelling Lesson 22 workbook assignment and test on April 9/10 (because of the Easter weekend.)

**Journal Writing:** New topic will be assigned on Monday, Mar. 29/10 and the writing will be due on April 9/10

**Novel Study:** As a class we are continuing with our reading of "Tuck Everlasting"

**Music:** We are continuing to work on our first band arrangement of the red book, Montego Bay. Students will be tested on this song in a few weeks.

**Gym:** We are playing different cooperative games. We have resumed health classes on Tuesdays.

### GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Welcome back! It was good to hear that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable March Break. Here's what's happening next week. . . .

- **Memory Verse** – Luke 23:44-46 (Due Thursday)
- **History Test** Tuesday!
- **Math Grade 7** – We start our next unit on percent.

**Math: Gr. 8 -**We are half way through our unit on square roots and Pythagorean Theorem. Students have been learning the relationship between perfect squares and square roots. Next week, they will begin to apply this knowledge to the Pythagorean relationship.

- **Literature** Circles will be Thursday!

**Music:** We are continuing to work on our last band arrangement in the red book, Rockin' Rondeau. Students will be tested on this song in a few weeks.

**Reminder:** Saturday is "Earth Hour"; turn off your lights 8:30-9:30!  
Grace & Peace

**FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE**



*Grade 1's* are starting a new unit about farm animals.

*Grade 2's* are starting a new unit about animals at the zoo.



*Grade 3's* are creating more insect puppets and practising their skits.



*Grade 4/5's* are consolidating vocabulary for the names of the rooms in their homes. Test on the feminine vocabulary March 30<sup>th</sup>. Students should have words pasted in

their agendas.

*Grade 6's* have a vocabulary test on camp activities March 30<sup>th</sup>. Students should have words pasted into their agendas.

*Grade 7/8's* are starting a new unit about transportation and Canadian geography. Test on the pronoun "en" April 1<sup>st</sup>. Non, je ne blagues pas! (It goes before 1 verb...)

