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Monday,
January 7, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Corinthians 3:10,11
"Building with Care"

Theme Verse 2018-2019

Building With Care

A new year always brings such promise and such hope; despite the problems and the pain of the broken world we live in, we know our hope is secure in Christ. Many of you in our JKCS family ask how the building project is going. The weather remains a challenge, but our block layers are determined. They are within four courses of completing the outside walls of the auditorium. If we are blessed with a few days of above 0°C weather, they plan to complete that part of the work. It's a practical example of building with care. As we continue to encourage and guide students to build character and to follow Jesus' leading, we appreciate your prayers. May the light of Christ shine in us and through us this year.

Welcome

Mrs. Jody Ferguson joins our teaching staff this week. Mrs. Ferguson is teaching grade two as Mrs. Noorloos is on maternity leave. We appreciate the experience and the gifts that Mrs. Ferguson brings to our school. Please take time to make her feel welcome.

Monday, January 7

Back to School

Wednesday, January 9

Reading Partners

Ed Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Monday, January 14

Chapel

Wednesday, January 16

Pizza Day

Board Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 23

Open House 9:30-11:30am and 1-3pm

Thursday, January 24

Bake Sale

Monday, January 28

Basketball Tournament - London

Reading Partners

Back by popular demand, our reading partners program takes flight this week Wednesday. Older students are teamed up with a younger one for the purpose of reading books together. Please do likewise at home: read with your student, read to your child, or read the same book and share ideas.

Fitness Sessions

We're aiming to keep students fit intellectually (through reading partners) and physically through our mini-fitness sessions. Each class gets an extra ten minutes in the gym three times a week to get active through a series of simple exercises. Yes, you can do this at home, too!

Meetings

The Education Committee meets this Wednesday at 7:30.

Performance

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Tetreault will be taking the grades 7/8 class to perform for the Seniors' gathering at the Wyoming Christian Reformed Church. The class will bring their tone chimes and voices for a brief concert. If there are other groups that meet during the week and would like a student performance, please call the office.

Gratitude

Thanks to parents and students for the many gifts and best wishes offered for the Christmas season.

- JKCS Staff

Helping Hands DIY Sign Night Fundraiser

Looking to break up those winter blues with a fun night out?? Helping Hands along with Studio 651, will be hosting a DIY Sign Night as a fundraiser for our school. More information regarding the event will be coming along soon.

Open House

John Knox Christian School is hosting our annual Open House on January 23, 2019 from 9:30-11:30 and 1:00-3:00. We invite all families interested in a Christian education at JKCS to come to the school and meet with the teachers, see classes in action, tour the facilities, look through curriculum and meet future classmates! Each potential student will enjoy some time in the classroom. Information packages and Registration forms will be made available on this day as well. Registration forms should be returned to the school by Friday, February 22. For more information, please contact the office at 519-845-3112. Thank you!

Knitting & Crocheting Club

It's nearly Yarn-uary (okay, it's not as catchy as Knit-vember, but it'll be just as much fun)! We welcome students from grades four to eight to join us on Mondays at noon in the grade six classroom. This year we'll work on a cozy knitted neck warmer, but students may also simply bring their own knitting or crocheting project to work on. Our brief information meeting will be held tomorrow at noon. The club will officially kick off next week Monday, January 14, and will run for four weeks. If you'd like to volunteer to help out our young knitters, please contact Mrs. Tetreault.

Classroom News

KINDERSTART

Mrs. Robinson

Make more marvellous Mm!

Memory Work: Joshua 1:8,9

Bible: The Fall of Jericho
Gideon

Wednesday Snack: Ezra

Thursday Snack: Sarah

Show and Tell: We are back to our "Letter of the Week" schedule. Students are encouraged to bring a letter "Mm" show and tell this week.

Snuggle Up and Read: Did you read any good books over the holidays? Maybe you received some wonderful books as gifts. Don't forget to record any books you read on your "Snuggle Up and Read" form. New sheets are being sent home this week for those who may have misplaced theirs.

Wonderful Winter! We are beginning 2019 with some winter work. Penguins will also begin popping up next week. The January calendar gives more details regarding our schedule. If you misplaced your calendar during your Christmas clean up, please make a note of it in your child's planner and a new one will be sent home.

Happy Birthday: The first birthday of 2019 belongs to Sadie who turned 5 on January 6. Happy Birthday, Sadie!

Thank you! We want to say thank you for the kindness shown to us during the Christmas season. The Christmas cards and gifts were a blessing to us. Thank you! - Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. de Schiffert, Mrs. Schenk, Mrs. Korvemaker, and Mrs. Moesker.

Classroom News

GRADE 1

Mrs. Lisson

Bible: This week we will learn about Hannah, Samuel, and Saul. Students will need to recite Isaiah 55:6 for memory work for Friday:

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Math: We will be working on using different items to measure length. We will also review addition each day.

Word Work: The words for Friday's quiz are: **she, wishing, them, that, she'll**. The sight words we will focus on are **when** and **where**.

Reading: In connection with our Creation Studies unit, we will be reading the work of Paulette Bourgeois author of the *Franklin* books. Please remember to return your book bags to school so a new at level book can be sent home.

Creation Studies: The final Canadians we will learn about are Paulette Bourgeois, Emily Carr, and Wayne Gretzky. To wrap up this unit there will be a quiz next Monday, January 14.

Classroom News

GRADE 2

Mrs. DeGroot/Mrs. Ferguson

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We trust that you had a restful and enjoyable break together. There are lots of new and exciting things to learn this year in Grade 2. We are also excited to welcome our new teacher, Mrs. Ferguson, to our class. She will be teaching Grade 2 on Tuesdays and Fridays all day and Thursday mornings (same schedule as Mrs. Noorloos). The one change will be that Mrs. Ferguson will be teaching Music and Mrs. DeGroot will be teaching Art.

Science: We are starting our new unit on "Animals"! Lots of exciting and fun things in store for this unit in the coming months.

Phys. Ed.: We will be starting our unit on Basketball this month. We will learn skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Reading: For the next few weeks, we will be continuing our "Animals" reading unit. We will also be focusing on the reading strategy, visualizing, which means to create pictures or make a movie in our minds while we read.

French: We will be continuing our unit on fruits (les fruits) and vegetables (les legumes) en francais.

Spelling: Lesson 13 spelling test on Friday, January 11th. Spelling words: **less, tell, well, will, still, off, letter, little, silly, happy.**

Bible: We will be starting a new unit focusing on the beginning of Jesus' ministry as told in the book of Matthew. We will start by learning about John the Baptist, the temptation of Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount and finish with seeing Jesus sending out his disciples. Our first memory work, Matthew 3:3 will be due Friday, January 11th. ***"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight."***

Math: We will continue to work on Number Operations as we work towards adding two digit numbers.

Classroom News

GRADE 3

Mrs. Bouma/Mrs. Hoogland

Thank-you for all the cards, gifts, and best wishes from all of you this past December. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful two weeks and best wishes to you in 2019. Hopefully our return to school routines this week will be a smooth one. If you have any concerns please let us know.

Spelling: We are on Lesson 14 this week. Words are coming home today and our test will be on Friday.

Math: We will be reviewing borrowing in multi-digit subtraction. There will be a homework sheet going home on Tuesday. It will be due on Friday.

Reading: We will be reading "Fables" for the next three weeks. We will be summarizing them in our own words and discussing the morals we read about.

French: Our next unit focuses on family members - le pere, la mere, la soeur, le frere, la fil, et le fils.

Music: We are going to take a break from music theory and handbells and learn about the orchestra family this month.

Bible: We will be learning about Jesus' preaching over the next few weeks. Our memory work is:
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Healthy Living: Our unit focussed on Healthy Eating choices. This week we look at Canada's Food Guide to help make good choices. Your child may be asking for more fruit and vegetables this week!

Classroom News

GRADE 4 AND 5

Mr. de Schiffert

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas break, filled with lots of time spent with family and friends!

Math: We'll be reviewing what we've covered with both multiplication and division and will have a quiz on Thursday.

Bible: We'll be wrapping up our study of Jesus' birth and will be moving on to *Esther: A Story of Divine Providence*.

Memory Work: A great passage for the new year! Proverbs 3:5-8: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones."*

Spelling: Gr.4: anyone, however, everything, himself, birthday, herself, somewhere, afternoon, chalkboard, daydream, downstairs, grandparents, breakfast, outfield, scarecrow, nobody, dragonfly, keyboard.

Spelling: Gr.5: countries, addresses, women, lessons, people, skis, friends, roofs, calves, fences, flies, lives, cherries, businesses, guesses, families, leaves, pictures.

Social Studies/Science: Great work on the Justice Project. All the groups did a great job and showed excellent teamwork! We'll be finishing up with our Canadian Government unit with a final debriefing activity.

Language: We'll be continuing our *Island of the Blue Dolphins* novel study. There will be a chapter quiz on chapters 19-22 on Tuesday, January 15. We will also be working on different aspects of paragraph writing and parts of speech.

History Fair: Keep working on those History Fair projects! The next due date is January 21.

Classroom News

GRADE 6

Mrs. Tetreault

Math: Armed with protractors and compasses, we aim to tackle challenges of all shapes and sizes in our upcoming unit on 2-D Geometry.

French: Students continue to work towards mastery of *etre*, *avoir* and *-er* verbs. We will resume our quizzes next week Thursday.

Plants: In the bleak mid-winter we long for signs of spring. Look no further, our windowsills are about to be bursting with new life! Students are asked to bring in a plant-growing experiment by next week Tuesday. Options are nearly endless (pineapple tops, a budding sweet potato, a bean...) but I ask that you leave the sprouting onions at home (they get a bit smelly). Students will not be graded on the level of difficulty of the plant-growing experiment. The aim of this learning activity is to spark wonder about God's creation, to hone our skills using the scientific method, and to brighten up the January days.

Science: Electricity interviews are due this week Friday, January 11. This week we will continue our basic circuitry labs. Ask your son/daughter about their progress!

SeeSaw: Parents, please look for a SeeSaw invitation sheet in your child's notes today. This program gives teachers a safe and secure way to share student photos with parents. I have lots of great photos of our students that I'll post over this week! The app has many other features and functions, but for now I'll use it primarily to send pictures to families. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks and enjoy!

This Week:

Thursday: Spelling Lesson due;

Friday: Electricity interviews; Spelling Test;
Memory Work; Paragraph; Vocab quiz

Mr. Boersma

Memory Work: Philippians 4: 6,7 Please know for Friday.

Bible: We return to our Bible study and review Jesus' teachings on prayer.

Writing: On Wednesday, students will work on a paragraph in class. A "good copy" of the work is due on Friday.

Vocabulary: We add ten more words to our list this week to enhance dictionary skills and build up our working vocabulary. Quiz on Friday.

Reading: We're reading more non-fiction this week and applying key reading strategies to the articles.

History Fair: Homework is scaled back for the next few weeks to allow students in grade six time to organize their research and notes into clear paragraphs and topics. The first draft of written work is due on **January 21**, two weeks from today. At the same time, students can work on organizing their display, slide show, or model to make sure all parts of the project fit together. Class time will be given on Friday; please bring in notes and materials to work on.

TTK: You've waited three weeks for a new one, so enjoy the next TTK this Wednesday.

Mrs. VanDenAssem

Spelling: Lesson Fourteen is due on Thursday. The test is on Friday. Your "word guarantee" is their.

Classroom News

GRADE 7 & 8

Mr. Eisen

Bake Sale: Our first bake sale of the new year will take place on Thursday, January 24th.

History Fair: Please remember the following dates, which have been set for the early stages of our History Fair:

Progress Report 2 Part B: Outline - Tomorrow

First Drafts - Monday, January 21st.

Memory Work: There is no memory work for tomorrow. Next week Tuesday's verse comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.

Math: Group Story Problems will be introduced this week and is due Friday, January 18th. This week we will begin our first of two units on algebra.

Literature: Parents, as emailed, students may require supervision depending on activities planned for these previews. Footage is due next Monday, January 14th.

History: Renaissance Fair Topics will be chosen this week. Students will sign up for days starting from Tuesday, January 29th to Friday, February 1st.

JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

Voucher sales take place every Thursday from **1:30 –2:30 p.m.** in the **Front Entrance.**

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____ DATE: _____

NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT _____ x \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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FOODLAND _____ X \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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TIM HORTONS _____ x \$10.00 _____ X \$20.00 _____ x \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00

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****All Vouchers Subject to Availability****

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____ or CASH TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: J.K.C.S. VOUCHERS
