



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

"I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us..."

Isaiah 63:7



Welcome back to a brand new year, 2010! The Lord has blessed us in many ways over the holidays, giving staff and students an opportunity to refresh and renew. We look forward to His continued love and kindness towards us as we undertake our work and studies.

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Jan. 4, Gr. 7
Tuesday, Jan. 5, Gr. 10
Wednesday, Jan. 6, Gr. 8
Thursday, Jan. 7, Gr. 11 PM
Friday, Jan. 8, Gr. 9

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a refreshing break. May God continue to bless us this year as we strive to serve Him.

This is a three day school week! (Monday, Wednesday & Friday).

Our theme this week will be winter, and we will be enjoying some snowy stories! We will be reading Jan Brett's book "The Mitten".

On Wednesday we will learn about *Man the Ox* and *Felix the Fox*. We will be learning about the "x" sound. If you have something that begins or ends with the letter "x" please send it along to school. We will be learning the song "Skip to My Lou". On Friday we will learn to draw and ox.

Bible stories will be:

- The Ten Plagues
- An Angel of Death
- A Cloud Leads the Way

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHoof

Memory Work

Due for Friday, January 8th...

- Psalm 43:3 (Book of Praise)
- Proverbs 3:5,6 (text)

Bible

We return to our study of Unit 4 – *From Slavery to the Promised Land*. This week we will look at the stories of Balaam; the Death of Moses; the Spies and Rahab; Crossing the Jordan; and the Fall of Jericho

Language Arts

WWW: The next few lessons deal with the 'magic e' rule when it affects the vowel 'o.'

Sight Word review: a; the; it, is; I, can, see; go, to, we; at, look; am, are, in; for, they; on; you, all, of; and, like; he, said, no, she; this, big, that, not; his, her, will, come; me, him; up, down; was, with, my; do, play, yes; some, have, one, two; what, out, there, your; God; be, but;

Sight Word new: had, as, blue, black, white, red, yellow, green, orange, purple

Show & Tell

We are starting a new round of Show & Tell. The theme is "something important to your family." Only two students have completed this so far. So for Wednesday Brooklyn, Devon, Nate V., Joshua, Kendra should have something ready.

*Please try to stick to the theme as you send something with your child and help your child to prepare at least three *related* things to say about what they brought ("show & tell" is most boring when it becomes "show & ___")

Library & Mission Money

Each Thursday. Student Council advises that a minimum \$0.25 per student each week is necessary in order to support our sponsor child. Thanks for your support!

A Job Well Done!

It may already be a distant memory, but a great job was done by all when we sang at the Boyne Lodge in December, and also at the Christmas Concert!

Skating

As part of our phys-ed program, each grade one student is expected to have skates and a helmet at school. I hope to begin skating during gym classes next week. In addition, students will be permitted to skate at designated lunch breaks.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Welcome back!

Memory work: Psalm 25:2

Bible:

M Daniel & his Friends;
Daniel 1
Tu A Statue & a Furnace;
Daniel 3
W Daniel & the Lions;
Daniel 6
Th Ezekiel's Prophecies
about Jerusalem;
Ezekiel 1-2:8; 4-5:13
F Ezekiel's Vision; Ezekiel
37

WWW:

about gym other found
float

Math: We'll begin with a unit on addition and subtraction.

Science: We'll focus on liquids. We'll try mixing liquids with liquids and liquids with solids.

Library: Thursday

Phys. Ed.: Tuesday and Thursday

Show and Tell: Friday (Micah and Noah

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Welcome back! We are thankful that God has kept us in His care in the holiday season. We think of Michael who is in the Netherlands and pray for safe travels for him and his family while there, as well as on their way back home.

Memory Work: Psalm 55:1
Micah 6:8 (The focus of our words and actions for 2010!)

Bible: Unit 4: The Exodus

M Moses' Early Life
T Moses' Early Life cont'd
W God calls Moses
Th Let my People Go!
F God's Promises to
Moses

ELA:

We have completed our novel study before the holidays and are looking forward to learning about the parts of speech! This week we will touch on "verbs" (action words) and "nouns" (words that name people, places, animals or things – naming words)

Word Wall Words:

Review: Difficult WWW!

New Words: terrible, hidden, right/write

Science: We will continue to look at building frames and experiment with arches, beams and posts. In addition, we will look at rigidity and how to make structures rigid, as well as brainstorm "joints" and what are used to make them.

Math: We will continue with 2x, 5x and 10x! (The better the students know their facts now, the easier math will be in the higher grades.) The next multiplication fact we will learn will be 9x – there are many

patterns within these facts, can you find them? Also, we will look at measuring accurately.

Special Me/Show & Tell (Friday): Tori

Library Day: Thursday (Please bring all 3 books back!)

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

I wish you God's Blessing for 2010!

Memory work: Psalm 84:6
Text: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Bible:

M: The Kingdom Divides
Tu: The golden Calves
We: Israel becomes more
wicked
Th+F: Elijah

Working with words:

We will start with reviewing all the words from September till December. A test will be on January 15! A sheet will be put in the agenda.

Guided Reading:

We will continue with *Charlotte's Web*. We will likely finish the book with the activities in the next 2 weeks.

Math:

We will review multiplying and dividing by 4 and 5 and also start with 6 this week. Please continue practicing the timetables!

Science:

We will continue with the unit *Light*. This week I hope to cover:

- Forms of energy.
- How does light travel?
Shadows
- Reflecting of light.

For an experiment next week we need cardboard tubes. The tubes from a toilet roll will work the best! Please will you save them for us and bring it to school this week?

PE:

Please take your skates to school. We hope to do some skating during our PE time.

Assembly Friday January 8 @ 9:00

This week we will spend some time preparing for the assembly on Friday. The theme is: Why were you made as you are? Everyone is welcome!

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Christmas, as well as a happy New Year!

Memory work (for Friday) is: Psalm 49:5

Devotions:

M Silas
Tu Kent
W Brittney
Th Josh H.
F Josh K.

Bible: The Life of Jesus cont'd.

ELA: Poetry (however, on Friday, students will do their speeches for the class).

Socials: Life in New France

Science: The Human Body. The focus this week is on nutrition (healthy lifestyles, Canada's food guide).

Math: Division

Vocab: We will be reviewing the last 5 units in preparation for a back-up test.

Spelling: Unit 15 – Emotions

(test on Friday)

anger peace expect
excited nutrition dislike
worry lonesome welcome
poetry suddenly exciting
either empty remainder
feared forgetful wonderful
happier joyful

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 69:10 and from the Bible, Romans 1:18,19.

Bible: Gen 30b, God grants Jacob flocks; Gen 31a, Jacob flees Laban; Gen 31b, Laban chases Jacob down; Gen 32, Jacob prepares to meet Esau; Gen 33, Jacob meets Esau.

Math: Converting percents to decimals and decimals to percents; multiplying by 0.1, 0.01, and 0.001

ELA: Grammar: Nouns and incomplete sentences.

Writing: As part of a social studies project, students are writing a letter home to explain their choice of a homestead.

Science: We'll begin a study of the solar system in which we live. This week we'll do an overview of the planets.

Socials: Putting Canada Together - Manitoba becomes a province in the midst of conflict: continued. We'll focus on the parts of what has come to be known as the Red River Resistance.

Phys. Ed 6: Hockey. We'd like to be on the ice by Wednesday but will have to see what the final snow clearing efforts reveal. Please equip your student with a pair of skates and hockey stick as soon as possible.

Lunch Devotions: The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Brad, Erienne, Warren, and Kim.**

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8

Reformed Studies

Our new unit deals with Christ's Resurrection and Ascension

Grade 8

Social Studies

Today students will have heard about a research project they will be working on.

Grade 9

Social Studies

Reminder of a mid-term exam on January 27th. It's time to look at whether we have all our notes in order and to ask questions prior to the exam if you have any. We will continue our study of Canadian Government until that time.

Grade 12 Worldviews

Last module: Syncretism, Pragmatism and Postmodernism. Students were reminded today of two larger projects that need to be completed and handed in by January 15th.

Mrs. Vandebos

Science 8 – Water systems unit test was handed back today. We began the last unit for this course, optics, today. This will be a fast unit with the test on Thursday, Jan 21. To find the daily homework, please go to the DCS website, under faculty, find my name and go to my website. I have also linked it to the handouts which I give out in class so if a student is absent they can download the paper from there, do the reading in the textbook and make their own notes.

Biology 30S – This week will see the finish of the transport/respiration systems and then students will work on their diagram/research project for the unit. The test will be Thursday Jan 14 after which the students will work on their Biology Portfolio and study for the upcoming midterm exam.

PHE gr. 11 – One student has now completed the course. Are there anymore? Parents, please remember that you are signing off on their physical activity portion of this course. This means students must do 55 hours of moderate to vigorous exercise and about 25 hours of light to moderate exercise which must include muscle work to increase muscular strength and endurance in all three areas, upper, mid and lower body. Please remember **that this is a semester course so all course work, including physical activities, must be done by exam week at the end of January.** Students do have access to the gym and/or gym equipment during their scheduled PHE class period, but they must treat it with respect.

PHE Grade 12 – The Health Portfolio is now PAST DUE. They must then finish their activity portion of the course, which can be done at school or on their own. Parents, please remember that you are signing off on their physical activity portion of this course. This means students must do 55 hours of moderate to vigorous (cardiovascular) exercise and about 25 hours of light to moderate exercise which must include muscle work to increase muscular strength and endurance in all three areas: upper, mid and lower body.

Students, please be sure to keep up with your activity log and reflections.

Career Symposium

The date this year is **Thursday, April 8**, but all grade 9 & 10 students must **pay \$2 to Mrs. Vandenbos by Thursday Jan 14, 2010.**

