



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal,

Mr. Huisman

“Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.”

Psalm 84:4

Usually I start this newsletter looking back at the previous week from a Friday point of view. This time we will look forward from a Tuesday point of view. The extra day off has allowed the staff a bit more time to prepare the first term report cards. **These will be sent home with your children on Monday, November 21.** The following Thursday evening and Friday morning are set aside for interviews. If you have not yet phoned the secretary to book your time, please do so at your earliest convenience. As the weather is definitely leaning more and more to the cold side, we would greatly appreciate it if you ensured that your child(ren) came to school with proper clothing for the conditions. Recess can be a bit long without mittens and a hat. Thanks

for that!
Enjoy the week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews



Thursday, Nov. 24

7:00 – 10:00

Friday, Nov. 25

9:00 – 12:00 noon

Please call the school any time at 745-2278 or email at office@dufferinchristian.ca a.s.a.p. to schedule your interviews

Also, Nancy VanderVelde will have a display of

“Living Books”

Come on out and browse and maybe find that special gift.

Elementary Student Council

Celebrate Freedom in Canada. On WEDNESDAY (tomorrow!!) November 16th

Come to school dressed in red and white

Bring along a **quarter** for the goats

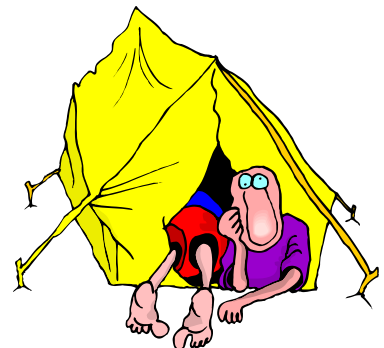
And take home a cool Canadian tote!!!

Remembrance Day Contest

Reminder: Remembrance Day contest dates are approaching. It is time to be seriously thinking about entering and time to begin the poster, poem or essay. The date on which they must be delivered to the Legion is Nov. 18. Remember that an entry form must be signed by a parent, so do get these done on time as well.

Mrs. DeWit

Mom's Pantry



Campout Fundraiser!

Thank you for your orders. These have been sent away and we are planning for delivery dates during parent-teacher interviews. Stay tuned!

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Tuesday, Nov. 15, Gr. 10

Wednesday, Nov. 16, Gr. 8

Thursday, Nov. 17, Gr. 11

Gr. 11 Driver: Mrs. Bosma

Friday, Nov. 18, Gr. 9

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

Kindergarten will be held on Wednesday and Friday this week.

We have received one of the "All about Me" books back already! We really enjoyed reading it! Please work on making these books with your child. Thank-you!

Our letter for this week is the letter A for Actress Annie who likes to add. We will be putting the letters A and X together to make the word AX.

Memory work:

- Hymn 21:1,2

Bible Stories:

- Joseph the Dreamer
- Joseph's Brothers Sell Him

Volunteers:

W Mrs. Marilyn VanAssen

F Mrs. Cheryl Borst

Grade 1

Miss Doek

Memory Work: (Both for Thursday Nov. 24)

Ps. 25:5

Exodus 15:2

Bible:

Tu: The Plagues

W: The Plagues

Th: The Plagues

F: The Passover

ELA:

The following words are on the Word wall: a, God, I, it, is, see, the, can, we, look, go, at, to, am, are, and, an, for, they, in, on, if, run, up, us, jump, jumping, you, all, of, like

New words coming up: he, said, no, she

Every day we practice writing seven Word Wall Words. This Thursday I'll quiz the students on

the words from last week. The words are: and, an, for, they, in, on, if.

Keep reading the booklets!

Math:

This week we will continue with counting up to 50 and recognizing the numbers 11-15. We will also do some worksheets about more than/fewer than, less than.

PE:

Wednesday and Friday

Library Day:

Thursday

Grade 1 Blog:

I hope to keep a blog about Grade 1 this year. I did send an email invitation to the parents who have a child in grade 1. If you didn't receive an invitation to view the blog and you would like to, please email me at mdoek@mts.net.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory Work: Hymn 16:2

Bible:

Tuesday Joash

Wednesday Amos
Thursday Hosea
Friday Review

WWW: who when
where why

Math: Besides practicing and memorizing the doubles we've been busy learning about tens and units. The more we work with it the more we're discovering how numbers really work! I'm very impressed with the grade 2's for learning the doubles so quickly.

We'll continue with lots of practice for the next couple of weeks.

Science: We'll continue to learn about air and water this week. We made an educated guess as to how long it will take for the water in a cup to evaporate. Will it take 7 days, or 10 days or 14 days? We'll have to wait and see.

Phys Ed: Tuesday and Wednesday

Library: Thursday

No show and tell this week.

We'll have a birthday celebration on Friday for the last hour of the day (or so).

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

We look forward to a field trip to Winnipeg on Wednesday, November 30th! We will spend some time in the morning at ICS.

In the afternoon we will learn more about Ancient Egypt in a 40 minute presentation at the IMAX. We hope to leave Winnipeg at about 2:00pm to be back in time for the busses.

Consent forms will be going home next week (closer to the date!) I am looking for willing volunteers to drive us! We hope to leave from DCS shortly before 9:00. *Please let me know if you are willing, and how many people you are able to seat. We will need accommodations for 18 students and the possibility of 3 adults.* Thank-you!

Memory Work: Psalm 86:4 (for Nov 24)

Text: 12 Sons of Jacob

Bible: Unit 3: Jacob & Joseph

Tu God Wrestles with Jacob

W Jacob returns to Canaan

Th Review

F Quiz – Jacob

Following the quiz on Jacob, we will be spending some time looking at Ancient Egypt. We will look at the culture, religion and lifestyle of the Egyptians to help us to understand Joseph and the Israelites in Egypt's land.

ELA:

This week we hope to continue to work on word work and hope to have a beginning understanding of how endings work (and the rules involved!)

Word Wall Words: October words

*A purple WWW sheet with all Oct words has gone home: Quiz

Wed, Nov 23

Social Studies:

Remembrance Day Posters must be completed and returned on Thursday with a signed consent form! We have to send them to the Legion Friday!! Our focus this week will be on rights and responsibilities. We will look at what the government says and what God tells us in his word. We will also discuss the Young Peacemakers and how to

respond to conflict in a godly way.

Math:

We will continue working with tens and units in addition and subtraction. Please continue to practice doubles and make ten at home!

Library Day: Thursday

Phys. Ed: Tues/Wed

Week at a Glance (Dev):

Tu – (*Rosalie*) PE

W – ()PE, Rem. Day Posters!!

Th – () Lib, M\$

F – ()MW

Grade 4

Mrs. Bergsma

Memory Work: Hymn 16: 1-5.

Reformed Studies: Unit 2: The prophet Samuel and the reign of Saul.

ELA:

Spelling Connections Lesson 6: Review Lesson (2 weeks). A photocopied list went home with the students.

Reading Log: A story has gone

home with each student along with worksheets. The students have until the following Friday to read the story at home and complete the worksheets.

Please have the duo tangs back at school and completed on Friday! A new story will go home every Friday and will be due a week later. (**No Reading Log this week, a new one will go home Friday.**)

Math:

Place Value. Using place value to add and subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers.

Science: Observation skills. See how our habitats work. What are decomposers? What do they do?

French 6-7: Reading comprehension and verb conjugation.

French 4-5: Weather vocabulary and numbers 1-50. Oral practice of the vocabulary. Recognizing written vocabulary.

Microwave days:

Tuesday: Magdelene, Carson, Henry

Wednesday: Vincent, Noah, Alanna, Lauren

Thursday: Brett, Logan, Dawson

Friday: Jenna, Ian, Micah

Mrs.

Bergsma ☺

Grade 5

Mr. Vandermeulen

Devotions:

Tu Braden

W Jurgen

Th Erin

F Michael

Memory work: (same as last week) Psalm 32:1

Bible: We will be continuing our study of the prophets of Israel and Judah.

Math: We are working through our unit "Number Sense" and will be learning about comparing and ordering numbers.

ELA: We have read through a few ancient legends from parts of the world. This week we will practice writing our own.

Science: Since our week was cut short last week the Science test on Matter that was planned

for last Thursday will be done on this week Wednesday. On Friday we will start a new unit "The Human Body".

Social Studies: We will discuss the further exploration of North America and learn what life was like for the explorers.

Spelling: The words are the same as last week. The spelling test will take place this Friday (Unit 8).

Vocab: The test that would have been today will take place tomorrow due to the short week last week. Unit 6 – Music.

Grammar: We are learning about Plurals.

Grade 6

Mr. VanderHooft

Memory Work

Hymn 16:1,2,3

(for Friday, Nov. 18)

Bible

I made a mistake in last week's newsletter. I was ahead of myself. The Bible review will be sent home this Friday and the test is on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Math

Ordering and regrouping/carrying has gone very well. We will have a short quiz this Friday, Nov 18. We are moving ahead learning about arrays, factors, prime & composite numbers.

ELA

We will finish our novel and begin working on a related book report assignment.

Science

Carrying on with the *Electricity* unit. Some students did not return their electricity journal on time... please ensure it is back immediately.

Miss Jager

Grade 7:

Dear parents,

After a nice long weekend, we have lots of things to do. This week the students will be learning new spelling and vocab. words and the *Bronze Bow* must be completed by Thursday.

Students are also starting a play which is due for next week Thursday [they may need to do some group work after school, one day].

We just finished volleyball and the students did a great job; their skills have improved a lot. We are currently starting handball in Phys. Ed.

Our WWII week went extremely well and we finished up today with a sharing session of very interesting stories.

That's all for now 😊

Mr. Gunnink (Gr. 8)

Last week seems like ancient history after such a long break! Here is the plan to get the wheels of (formal) education turning again.

Reformed Studies: (Continued)

The students have prepared lessons to teach to their classmates. Each lesson teaches a different passage from Mark and each lesson covers a different characteristic which Jesus revealed about himself. These lessons will be delivered this (and next?) week.

Social Studies: Tests on Earliest Civilizations of Mesopotamia were returned today. Some re-writes are necessary and these will happen tomorrow.

Math: Multiplying and dividing fractions.

Science: Water systems – Glaciers and ocean currents.

ELA: The theatre production of our novel, *The Hobbit*, was a real treat. We were impressed with the creativity of the production in bringing some of the more challenging scenes to stage. Now we'll step back and study the novel itself focusing first on the variety of inhabitants of Middle Earth.

Phys. Ed.: Lacrosse skills and game play.

Mrs. DeWit

ELA 40S Dates for the Research Essay:

- Outline Tues. Nov. 1
- Writing Variables Nov. 2
- Rough Draft and Peer editing Wed. Nov. 16
- Final copy and bibliography Wed. Nov. 23

I have seen many of the outlines, but not all. The writing variables sheet must be handed in as a compulsory assignment.

Scrapbook alert: We are into the third set of entries for the scrapbook mark. Today the first of the third set was due. The final entry is set for Dec. 2.

Too many students still have one essay outstanding for The Importance of Being Earnest. Do catch up; the work on Hamlet begins early this coming week, as soon as we finish the play.

Note: We are running into some problems with copies of A Bird in the House by Margaret Laurence. Please check at home whether you have or can obtain a copy as soon as you can.

ELA 10F

Our short story unit is almost completed. The majority of the students will still be doing some editing on their short story, namely taking one section and increasing the description of the happening and of the emotional reaction of the protagonist in that section in order to create audience involvement in the story.

We will be doing preliminary work for the research essay in the next few days. We have viewed a short video on plagiarism.

There are also several exercises which will demonstrate to students what it actually is. I have booked computer time on Tuesday. I want students to have a general topic for their research essay for that date. This topic will be something that involves persuasion. Students will be searching for one source in that class period. We will then look at issues of validity, bias, authenticity, and dating. We have another computer period on Thursday and that should get the research essay well underway. Magazines such as *Perspective*, *Time*, *Macleans* do provide good articles on current issues. The longer ones are usually well researched and do provide a lot of information about a topic. From this area, we will move to Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice in our studies.

Reformed Studies 31G
FINISHED THE BIBLE PORTION OF THE COURSE. Next week, we will begin our church history which is in three pretty much equal sections, radical reform groups, cults, and totalitarian systems. We will begin by

looking at the heresies and questions that arose early in the church and will trace most of the heresies back to the Gnostic system of beliefs.

Art Grade 9 and 10: Some students are quite behind in assignments handed in. Please check with your child as to whether he or she needs to do some work outside of class time in order to catch up.

Mr. Lodder

Reformed Studies 21G

Second half of exam tomorrow, Wednesday.

Mr. Ellens

Science 10 – Grade 9

There will be a Review on Chapter 6 due on Thursday. Also, there is NOT a test after these two chapters. We will finish part of Chapter 7 and then have a test.

English 30 – Grade 11

There is a test on Wednesday on *The Crucible*. Also, the major writing assignment of the unit is due on Wednesday. There will be a homework check on Thursday on the first Chapter questions. In addition there will be a quiz on

Chapter 1.

Math 10 – Grade 9

There will be a test on Tuesday on linear Equations.

Science 20 – Grade 10

This week there will be questions assigned and quizzes to check reading homework.

Biology 40 – Grade 12

Regular homework assignments for this week.

Other News....

FYSH

This Friday, Nov. 18th from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. FYSH is over at 9:30, but please allow us 10 minutes extra for closing devotions and clean-up. Thanks!

Nicole Veldman

Lord's blessing for the years ahead!

