



Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! Tomorrow is our annual fall walk. This year we are raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research. It is worthy of note that this is a Christian organisation and they hold enough clout, it seems, that their funds do not support research that involves t-cells or other non-ethical research. Feel free to come out and join us. The school is splitting into 4 groups again. This year each group has its own route. Next week is the National Principals' Conference, so I will be away. Mr. Bartels will take the helm at MCS in my absence. The soccer tournament is coming up soon, just a little more than a week away. Note, there is a new venue, so if you are accustomed to attending, make sure you get the new address. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: We are learning Hymn 80:3 and we have begun to learn Hymn 56:1; **Text:** Eph 6:10-11a (due Wednesday and Thursday)

Bible Study: M Cain – Abel Tu/W Noah Build the Ark Th Rainbow Promise

Math: Numbers 6 & 7 We will finish off our first unit on sorting. It's been a lot of fun sorting by shape, colour and size.

Language Arts: Letters: Tt Ii Sight Word: is

Science: We will use our senses to learn about apples. We also plan to bake apple tarts.

The October calendar and agenda pages will be inserted in the agenda this week. Please keep the September pages in the agenda. We will take all the agenda pages out when we begin our second semester in February.

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 12:4(Sep30); **Text:** Gen 1:1,31a (Oct6)

Bible Study: God's covenant promises to Abram

Phonics: final sounds of a word & rhyming

Writing: the formation of the letters NOPQ

Math: Various patterns continues

Library: our library day is Thursday. Septembers author is Graeme Base

Social Studies: God created us with five senses to discover His amazing world! Every day this week we will use our senses to discover something about apples in preparation for Chudleighs on Friday!

PE: Final assessment on our fitness unit

Show & Tell: M Reid T Ryker W Tess T Adele F Aleah

Chudleighs: Friday we enjoy a trip to the apple orchard rain or shine! Dress for the weather.

WELCOME: We welcome Miss.J.VanRaalte to our classroom as an ECHS co-op student. We hope you enjoy your time at MCS and are thankful you want to teach someday!

Grade 1B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 12:1(Sep29); **Text:** Gen 1:1,31a

Bible Study: God's promises to Abram.

Church History: Church Life - God cares for His Church.

Math: Wrapping up patterns & sorting.

Phonics: We will learn that letters represent sounds. /s/, /m/, /a/, /t/. We will begin blending to read!

Reading Comprehension: We will read **Apple Pie Picking** and tell about our favourite part.

Sight Words: that, it, he, was

Writing: We are learning how to write complete sentences. We wrote about farm animals in our journals.

Art: We are doing a series of projects exploring different lines in art. We looked at how Kandinsky uses lines in his artwork. This week I overheard a few students chatting together while they were painting - "I feel like a famous artist!"

French: Je suis, et toi

Social studies: Apples!

Show & Tell: M Wren T Bennett Th Lauren F Jenna

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 96:8(Sep22); Ps 150:1(Sep29) Hy 15:1(Oct6); **Text:** Luk 1:68-69(Sep29)

Bible Study: T The Visit of the Magi/Escape to Egypt W The Return to Egypt/Jesus in His Father's House Th Preaching and Baptizing by John F review/quiz

Math: We continue to review skip counting (by 2s & 5s). We continue to work with patterns in numbers – (also the patterns we see when skip counting), and are working at using subitizing to learn addition facts.

Language Arts: Work continues on assessing where students are regarding Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Reading, as well as filling in background knowledge necessary for understanding the first story in our Open Court reader. Spelling consists mostly of words which can be phonetically decoded and therefore also spelled phonetically, though occasionally, there may be part of a word that is considered a "heart" word. We will be beginning with the Open Court reader next week.

PE: We have PE first thing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students should be prepared with the proper clothing to participate in all activities.

(Monday):

Church History: The Worship Service

Math: Geometry - 3D Solids - We will continue to learn about the attributes of 3D solids. We will count faces, edges and vertices.

Grammar: Kinds of sentences: Questions?

Writing: All About Me project

Social Studies: Continents and Oceans

Science: Solids & Liquids - We will explore the flow and density of liquids using races and rainbows!

Grade 2B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 96:8(Sep22), Ps 150:1(Sep29); **Text:** Luk 1:68,69(Sep29)

Bible Study: M Jesus Presented at the Temple W Quiz Lessons 4-6 Th The Visit of the Magi

Church History: Our first unit is called "Church Life." We will be taking a closer look at the order of our liturgy and why each part is important to the worship service.

M/W/Th Math: We will continue to work through Unit 1: Patterning

T/F Math: We are working through Unit 6: 3D Shapes.

Language Arts: Reading: We've started our first story study together: Come Back, Jack! Spelling: Unit 2: Short 'i' Sound Grammar: Subject & Predicate. Writing: We will be writing a book together as a class titled "Grade 2B Sees Canada" over the next few weeks.

Science: We continue to learn about solids and liquids. We've been learning about what happens when we mix solids and liquids. We will also be discussing hazardous substances and how we can be safe around them.

PE: We will be working through Unit 18: Kicking & Dribbling in Soccer!

Grade 3

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Our first math test is scheduled for Tuesday, Sep 26th. It will not cover our foray into fractions, rather, it will deal with the content we have worked through in the Jump Math consumable book, namely, number patterns. Math books will be sent home on Friday's so that you can see what your child has learned during the week and stay up-to-date with accuracy/understanding and corrections. Math books can go home any evening, but this is a baseline minimum for those who always finish their assignments. Our chaperones for the trip to the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology are: Mrs. H. Lodder and Mr. J. Feenstra, along with yours truly.

Sep 25-29, 2023 Lord willing...

Memory Work: Song: Ps 47:2(Sep29); **Text:** Gen 3:15(Sep29)

Bible Study: M Gen 16 T Gen 17 Th Gen 18 F Gen 19:1-29

Math: Place Value and Expanded Form
PE: overhand throw games/ foot dribbling
Science: Increase rigidity through corrugation/ center of gravity

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 30:1(Sep29) **Text:** Psalm 32: 1-2(Sep29)

Bible Study: Our stories continue from 1 Samuel 9 as we learn about Saul, the first king of Israel.

Math: On Monday we will be reviewing what we have learned in class so far. Rounding, place value, and ordering numbers. The quiz will be on Tuesday.

French: Our first unit was learning common phrases answering the question “comment ca va”. The list is in the students’ french folder. We’ll have a small quiz on it on Friday, oral and written.

Music: We continue in our unit learning the parts of the orchestra. We also have a song to go with the unit where students become some of the instruments in the orchestra!

Spelling Words: Lesson 3: sum, plum, lump, lung, hunter, begun, lace, fate cases, saves, didn’t, it’s, itself, swift, begin, enter.

Reading: The next story in the reader is called *Yukon Trail*. We’re also reviewing the setting and plot within these stories, and learning many new vocab words.

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 29:1(Sep29); **Text:** Luk 1:46-50(Sep29)

Bible Study: We will finish up our first unit on Jesus’ birth and ministry early this week with the calling of the 12 disciples. There will be a test late in the week.

Math: We move onto our new math unit focusing on whole numbers and place value.

Language Arts: We continue to read our novel, answer questions about the story and learn new vocabulary.

Spelling: List 3: rise, guide, invite, decide, divide, finest, ninth, lining, filling, knives, lively, item, final, dried, tied, I’d, I’ll, I’ve, hadn’t, doesn’t

Science: This week we begin to look at our muscular system and how God created it to work together with our skeletal system to help us move!

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Google Classroom for 6A is up and running! Please check in if you haven’t done so already.

Memory Work: Song: Ps 148:1(Sep29), Ps 102:11(Oct6); **Text:** Psalm 8:1-5(Sep29)

Bible Study: We will be wrapping up our second unit on Abraham and Sarah with a test later this week.

Math: We are working with multiplication and division.

Novel Study: We continue to read *Underground to Canada*. We will be starting to create “Wanted” posters for a media literacy project.

Spelling: Lesson 3 - vice, tile, spite, mining, idle, diet, diamond, finally, trial, quietly, reliable, infant, instant, distant, linen, sicken, nickel, pickle, tickled, sprinkle, *distrust, drifting, prism, resign, violence*. Spelling tests on Friday.

Science: We will continue to look at vertebrates. How amazing each animal is created from fish to amphibians and reptiles.

PE: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Don’t forget those PE clothes!

Calendar of Events

Terry Fox Walk	Sept 22
Soccer Tournament	Sept 30
Membership Meeting	Oct 5
Cross Country 7&8	Oct 6
Assembly: Thanksgiving(Gr1A/1B)	Oct 6(2:30)
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 9
Kindergarten B Friday	Oct 13
LINK Due	Oct 18
Teachers’ Convention	Oct 26/27
Assembly: Reformation Day(6B/8)	Oct 31(8:45)

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Google Classroom for 6b is up and running! Please check in if you haven’t done so already, we will regularly post study material and reminders about upcoming quizzes, tests, etc.

Memory Work: Song: Ps 148:1(Sep29); **Text:** Ps 8:1-5(Sep29)

Bible Study: We will begin studying the account of Abraham next week.

Church History: We looked at Patrick, the spread of the gospel from Iona with Columba and Aiden, and the conclusions of Synod of Whitby, 664, about the tonsure and the date of Easter. This week we will look at the sad rise of Papal Power.

Math: Keep reviewing those multiplication facts!. In Geometry we proceed from angles to constructing figures and nets.

Language Arts: Novel study *Underground to Canada* continues. We have started with a few lessons around the Armenian genocide; the next lesson or two will be about not just a mutt.

Grammar and Writing: There are good connections between these two subject areas, and we will make ample use of that.

Spelling List: vice, tile, spite, mining, idle, diet, diamond, finally, trial, quietly, reliable, infant, instant, distant, linen, sicken, nickel, pickle, tickled, sprinkle, *distrust, drifting, prism, resign, violence*. Spelling tests on Fridays.

Computers: We will soon start using the Typing Club program and use available Typing slots across the curriculum.

Science: Our study of living things continues with a closer look at various classes and what makes them unique..

Social Studies: We are part of a Very Special Community amidst many others. Which one?

PE: on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Grade 7 *avansydenborgh@mcsfergus.ca*

Monday Devotions: Keira

Boys soccer practice

Tuesday

Devotions: Heidi

Bring PE clothes

Girls soccer practice

Unit 1 Grammar Quiz

Wednesday

Devotions: Addison

Spelling Dictation: Lesson 3

Unit 1 Science Test: Interactions Within

Ecosystems

Boys soccer practice

Thursday

Devotions: Weston

Bring PE clothes

Girls soccer practice

Friday

Devotions: Zachary

Bring PE clothes

Memory Work: Psalm 7:2

Grade 8 *wbartels@mcsfergus.ca*

Monday Boys soccer practice

Please bring a jar with lid for Science

Tuesday

Unit 1 Bible test

Girls soccer practice

Wednesday

Spelling lesson 3

Boys soccer practice

Thursday

Girls soccer practice

Friday

Psalm 27:6

L.A. Portfolio assignment due