



*Training covenant children for a life of thankful and obedient service to God and our neighbour*

## Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! Last Call for Shelter Donations! They are being picked up next week Friday (PD Day). We are collecting Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and deodorant. These are donated by Stitches from the Heart directly to local Shelters. As noted, November 17 is a PD Day. Staff is working locally on Unit/Divisional Plans in Health/PE as well as some other areas. Tomorrow our grades 4 & 5 are hosting the Remembrance Day assembly. This begins at 10:45. One final note, the bus drivers have requested that parents do not use the upper exit to the parking lot (the one they use). Some of them have drop off responsibilities before arriving at ECHS and they have been late there a couple of times. This is especially problematic on Thursdays. Please do NOT park in the exit lane to pick up children. Thank you for your cooperation in this. Tomorrow is Soup Day! Remember to bring your mug and spoon! Tamboro supplied us with some drone pictures of the roofing of the expansion. You can find these on the homepage of the school's website. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

## Kindergarten

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**Memory Work: Song:** Psalm 134:1 and we are beginning Hymn 21:1 **Text:** Genesis 8:22

**Bible Study:** M/T Joseph's Dreams and Joseph is Sold W/Th Joseph in Potiphar's House

**Math:** We begin our first unit on geometric shapes. We will learn how circles, squares, rectangles, ovals, triangles, hexagons, etc. fit so well together in this created world. We will also continue to review the numbers 0-10.

**Language Arts:** Letters: Uu, Ll Sight Word: he, she We will introduce Jan Brett's books!

**Science:** God created the water cycle.

## Grade One A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Hy 36:1(Nov16); **Text:** Isa 9:2(Nov24)

**Church History:** God cares for His flock by giving it ministers, elders and deacons.

**Math:** Our money unit begins! Students will be paid for various classroom tasks and will be able to spend that money at our classroom STORE at the end of the unit!

**Phonics:** Short vowel U, consonant sounds /f/ and /l/

**Writing:** writing a card for someone in our church to help the deacons in their task.

**Library:** Thursdays. November's author is Aaron Blabey with Pig the Pug books.

**Science:** God perfectly lines up the earth, sun and moon to create time for us!

**Show & Tell:** Ezra the elephant gets to visit the homes of M Katy T Kylie W Michael Th Reid

**Halfway Day:** Thursday is the 50th day of school so grade 1 will be celebrating

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**Memory Work: Song:** Hy 36:1(Nov17); **Text:** Isa 9:2(Nov24)

**Bible History:** The Plagues & Israel leaves Egypt

**Math:** Time & Money

**Sight Words:** all were we can

**Phonics:** Working with all short vowel sounds.

**Reading Comprehension:** The Squirrels Who Squabbled - Retelling, Characters & Setting

**Writing:** We will use sentences to write friendly letters.

**Show & Tell:** Henry the Hippo visits our homes: F Rebecca M Dominic T Zekiah Th Mallary

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 139:1(Nov10), Ps 146:1(Nov16), Hy 19:3(Nov24); **Text:** Mat 5:14-16(Nov10), Isa 9:2(Nov24)

**Bible Study:** T Following Christ W Jesus Calms the Storm Th Healing a Demon-possessed Man in Gentile Territory

**Math:** number sense: place value, skip counting; subitizing/using subitizing to learn addition facts; patterns/ patterns in numbers; using the hundred's chart

**LA:** Spelling Unit 5; syllable division for reading and writing; Tomàs and the Library Lady

**PE/Health:** locomotor skills; healthy eating

**Monday: Church History:** We will learn about the sacrament of Lord's Supper

**Math:** We will review all that we have learned in our 3D geometry unit.

**Grammar:** We will practise turning singular nouns ending with 'y' into plurals

**Writing:** We will start a new unit on informational writing. This week we will write about walrus!

**Science:** We have a few remaining review activities to finish in our solids & liquids unit, then we will we begin our new unit: Growth and Changes in Animals.

## Grade Two B

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 139:1(Nov10), Ps 146:1(Nov16); **Text:** Mat 5:14-16(Nov10)

**Bible Study:** M Jesus in Galilee W Review Th Quiz

**Church History:** Our first unit is called "Church Life." We will be discussing ordination.

**M/W/Th Math:** We will continue to work through Unit 2: Number Relationships and skip counting.

**T/F Math:** We will be continuing Unit 9: 2D Shapes.

**LA:** We have started cursive writing, which all of our students are very excited about. We have also started our second Unit in Open Court, on Kindness. We will be reading through the story of the Elves and the Shoemaker this week. We will continue to discuss and improve our oral communication skills throughout class. Spelling: /k/ and /ck/ endings.

**Grammar:** Adjectives. Writing: Trait #2- Organization.

**Science:** We have begun Unit 2: Growth and Changes in Animals. We are taking a closer look at the 6 groups of animals and their characteristics.

**PE:** We will be learning about Fire Safety in Phys Ed this week.

## Grade Three

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A Math test on Measurement is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th. In a nutshell: measuring length in cm, changing m to cm, changing mixed measurement to cm, calculating perimeter, and calculating total distance in kilometres. We'll begin memorising the Old Testament books order today as that can be a difficult, yet very worthwhile tool for finding the books of the Bible faster in church, Bible study and around dinner table devotions. Depending on the completion of our towers, we should have a final test mid-next week (keep an eye on the agenda). Leverage will be a separate, mini-unit to follow. Nov. 13-16, 2023 Lord willing...

**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 80:7(Nov16); **Text:** Gen.49:10(Nov24)

**Bible Study:** M Gen.24: 34-67 T Gen.25:1-11 W Gen.25:19-34 Th Gen.26:1-33

**LA:** City Lots: Living Things in Vacant Spots

**Vocab Words:** discarded, dwellings, examine, flourishing, fragrant(Nov.13)

**Math:** perimeter

**Science:** completion of tower projects, test on structures

**PE:** hand dribbling

#### Grade Four

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**Memory Work: Song:** Psalm 107:1 (Nov16) **Text:** Is 9:6,7 (Nov24)

**Bible Study:** Two lessons left in Bible, ending with the death of Saul (1 Sam 31). We'll review and test late next week!

**Spelling:** Lesson 9: sail, jail, nails, wait, pain, again, swim, thick, brick, trick, drill, skill, loud, proud, shout, outfits

**Reading:** Things have been pushed back a little bit for the test. Our play presentations are tomorrow (Nov. 10) and next week we'll be reviewing everything from the unit in class. There will need to be some vocab study at home to prepare for the test as well.

**Science:** Only a couple lessons left on light, and then we'll move onto learning about sound!

**Math:** We've also come to the end of our math unit! We'll review Monday and Tuesday and have a test on Wednesday. Please continue to practice math facts at home as well! We have some students earning all the way up to green belt, which is great!

**Music:** students are working on a project, studying an instrument from the orchestra and making a brochure. Next, we'll learn note and staff theory.

#### Grade Five

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**Memory Work: Song:** Hy 18:1(Nov16); **Text:** Matt 22:37-40(Nov24)

**Bible Study:** We continue to learn about how Jesus reveals himself through parables and teaching.

**Math:** We will have a test on Wednesday to finish up our Geometry unit. We will review measuring angles and naming shapes.

**LA:** Our next short story is on lighthouses and we hope to take some time this week to learn about lighthouses with a little project.

**Spelling:** Lesson 10: soak, loan, loafing, unload, foul, trout, crouch, blouse, county, mountain, pronounce, howl, scowl, growl, coward, crowded, powder, however, downstairs, sour

**Science:** We hope to finish up our human body unit with a test early on in the week. After the test, we hope to start a final project. The students will each choose a disease related to one of the body systems and research and present on it.

#### Grade Six A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 130:1(Nov16), Ps 74:1,12(Nov. 24); **Text:** Ex 15:1-3(Nov24)

**Bible Study:** We are studying the great I AM through the life of Moses.

**Math:** We continue our unit on geometry.

**Novel Study:** We are continuing our study of short stories. This week we will be looking at *The Apple of Contentment* and different literary devices seen through this story.

**Creative Writing:** We are finishing up our procedural writing. These will be due November 20.

#### Books and Bagels

*November 16, 2023*

Group A will be meeting for the first time this year on Thursday, November 16th at 7:15am. Please come prepared to discuss the book: *The Spiderwick Chronicles: Book One*. During our discussion, it will be assumed that the student has read the entire book prior to our meeting. We hope to see you there!

#### Calendar of Events

Assembly: Remembrance Day(4&5)	Nov 10(10:45)
Soup Day	Nov 10
Books & Bagels (Group A)	Nov 16
Shelter Collection Pickup	Nov 17
PD Day	Nov 17
Volleyball Tournament(7&8)	Dec 1
Hot Dog Day	Dec 20/21
Skating(9AM-1PM)	Dec 22
Assembly: Christmas(2B&3)	Dec22(2:30)

**Spelling:** Lesson 9 - minor, silent, private, primary, horizon, advice, polite, dislike, decline, inclined, unwise, arrive, excitement, admire, desire, inquire, umpire, entirely, obey, greater. *Challenge words:* assignment, designer, livestock, retirement, collide.

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

#### Grade Six B

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 74: 1,12

**Bible Study:** Unit 3: Isaac and Jacob

**Church History:** We will have a test next week Tuesday or Thursday—depending on how well the Review goes.

**Math:** We're getting a lot more comfortable with long division. In Geometry, we turn to "Measurement" of money and 3-D figures.

**LA:** Novel study *Underground to Canada* continues. In Short Stories we will do some review, and then focus on stories around the theme of Victories.

**Grammar and Writing:** We are writing formal and informal paragraphs, and then use the time to write sections for the Social Studies project on Amish and Black Communities in Wellington.

**Spelling:** Lesson 9 - minor, silent, private, primary, horizon, advice, polite, dislike, decline, inclined, unwise, arrive, excitement, admire, desire, inquire, umpire, entirely, obey, greater, assignment, designer, livestock, retirement, collide. Spelling tests on Fridays.

**Science:** We're nearing the end of our Diversity Unit, and switching over to Electricity soon.

**Social Studies:** We will be completing projects on local Amish and Black communities

**PE:** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

#### Grade Seven

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**Monday** Devotions: Isaac  
Volleyball practice (all teams)

**Tuesday** Devotions: Lucas  
Bring PE clothes  
Finish reading for book talk assignment

**Wednesday** Devotions: Lucy  
Spelling - Lesson 9  
Unit 3 Math Test - Geometry and Measurement

**Thursday** Devotions: Aidan  
Bring PE clothes  
Chapter 3 Science Test  
Memory Work: Psalm 28:1

#### Grade Eight

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**Monday** Devotions: Jonah  
Volleyball practice

**Tuesday** Devotions: Chloe  
Ch. 4 History test

**Wednesday** Devotions: Kylee  
Spelling lesson 9

**Thursday** Devotions: Eden  
Psalm 41:4  
Ch. 3 Science test