



## Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! With our last water day behind us we see one part of the expansion behind us. There remains a lot of mud so some frost would be nice! Not only did the outside work progress during the water day, but a significant amount of work on the upgrading of the fire alarm system was able to proceed as well. The exterior facade brick is being installed. As we look at what we have received, there are many reasons for thankfulness for the grace that we enjoy daily. Next week is hot dog day, skating and our Christmas assembly. Wow, we are already at the end of another calendar year! Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

## Kindergarten

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**Memory Work: Song:** Hy 21:6 due this week; **Text** Mat 1:21 due this week

**Bible Study:** M Plagues 1-7 T Plagues 6-9 W Plagues 8- 10 Passover **Th** Passover

**Math:** We will continue working with patterns and begin measurement in January.

**LA:** Letters: Xx Qq Sight Word: do We have our ABC Celebration on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Art:** Christmas and Patterns

**Hotdog Day!** Kindergarten receives hotdogs on Wednesday and Thursday. Yum! Yum!

**Skating:** Kindergarten students may join the grades 1-2 on the ice on Friday morning

## Grade One A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 105:3(Dec22); **Text:** Ex 20:2-3 (Dec22)

**Bible Study:** Israel travels from Mt. Sinai to Canaan

**Math:** Addition and subtraction to 12

**Phonics:** Digraph CH

**Sight words:** do, did, what, so

**Reading Comprehension:** Discovering relay races in the story "The Big Team Relay Race"

**Library:** Reading Christmas Tapestry by Patricia Polacco

**Music:** Watching the "Nutcracker" with grade 1B and singing carols

**French:** review of vocabulary before we begin our play in the new year

**Show & Tell:** M Tess

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 105:3; **Text:** Ex 20:2,3

**Bible Study:** The 12 spies, Rebellion of Korah, Dathan & Abiram, Budding of Aaron's staff

**Math:** Addition & subtraction from 0-12.

**Sight Words:** Review

**Phonics:** Review

**Writing:** How to Make Hot Chocolate

**Science:** We will wrap up our science unit on the Earth!

**Music:** We have had so much fun learning about the Nutcracker. Over the last few weeks we listened to many music pieces, watched some dances, ate some delicious treats and I have also enjoyed becoming a finder and collector of Nutcrackers:) To end our unit, we hope to watch a Nutcracker movie!

**Show & Tell:** Christmas Traditions: (show & tell included on Wednesday this week)

Week of Dec.18<sup>th</sup> **T** Abby **W:** Lacey **Th** Taya **F** Mrs Vanderveen

In the new year Henry the Hippo will begin his rounds again!

## Grade Two A

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 119:40(Dec15), Hy 1(Dec22); **Text:** Luke 9:23-24(Dec22)

**Bible Study:** T Jesus' Parables: The Good Samaritan W The Rich Fool **Th** The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin **F** The Lost Sons

**Math:** number sense: place value, skip counting; subitizing/using subitizing to learn addition facts; Units of time: days; months; years; calendar

**Language Arts:** Spelling Unit 7; syllable division for reading and writing; theme: Kindness: Mushroom in the Rain; The Shoemaker and the Elves

**PE/Health:** static balances; healthy eating

**(Monday) Church History:** We will continue to learn how God used John Chrysostom to gather and care for His Church.

**Grammar:** Verbs

**Writing:** We have been practicing our informational paragraph writing by writing about different animals. Now it is time for the students to write about an animal of their choice! It should be an animal that they know at least 3 facts about. I'm looking forward to learning about some amazing creatures on Monday!

**Social Studies:** We will continue to explore Antarctica

**Science:** One last class on animal classification. We will learn about amphibians, fish and reptiles. We also hope to finish our lap books. If any students have a stuffed animal teddy at home that they would like to take, that would be great. We will use them to help get some animal sorting practice!

## Grade Two B

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 119:40(Dec15); Hy 1(Dec22) **Text:** Lk 9:23,24(Dec22)

**Bible Study:** M Jesus is Anointed by a Sinful Woman **W** Quiz

**Church History:** We are working Unit 2: People in Church History. The first person we will take a look at is John Chrysostom, a preacher in Antioch.

**M/W/Th Math:** We will continue to work through Unit 2: Number Relationships. We are studying Counting by 10s, place value and the 100s chart.

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

**LA:** We begin to read Corduroy this week! Our Unit on Kindness continues. In Spelling, we are still learning all about the "Floss Rule".

**Grammar:** Verbs.

**Science:** We will be looking at the life cycles of various animals.

**PE:** We continue our Unit in Fitness.

## Grade Three

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We're hosting the assembly with grade 2B on Friday, Dec 22. Skating is also Friday. Please encourage your child to skate safely: 1) skate with the flow of traffic in a counter-clockwise

direction, 2) wear head protection, 3) skate at moderate speeds to ensure predictable stopping distances. Dec 18-22, 2023 Lord willing...

**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 15:1(Dec 22); **Text:** Ps 23:1-3(Dec22)

**Bible Study:** M Gen 43 T Gen 44 W Gen 45:1-15 Th Gen 45:16-46:27 F Gen 46:28-47:27

**Math:** attributes of chess figures

**LA:** Creative Writing

**Vocab Words:** NA

**Social Studies:** Urban & Rural Communities

**PE:** badminton serving fundamentals

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 122: 1(Dec22) **Text:** Jn 3: 16-18 (Dec. 22)

**Church History:** The plan is to finish up most of the unit before the break, but there will not be a test or project until we return in January!

**Math:** We'll be having a mid-unit test next week Thursday covering what we've learned about measuring angles and classifying quadrilaterals according to their attributes.

**Reading:** Now that we're through Stone Fox, we'll be going back through the chapters to narrow in on specific topics that help with novel comprehension. Students will have a small test on Friday to wrap up the unit.

**Spelling:** Lesson 14: oil, boil, soil, join, coin, noise, point, sliced, sliding, driving, shining, writer, river, deliver, silver, women, Wednesday, September

**Writing:** Students will be using what they've learned about expository writing to organize, explain and describe what they've seen on their "travels" in Social Studies. This will be the time they write in their travel journals.

**Grade Five** *jkapteyn@mcsfergus.ca*

**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 122:3(Dec22); **Text:** Mt 5:8-12(Dec22)

**Bible Study:** We will finish up our unit looking at a few more parables and stories where Jesus talks about the end of times. We will have a test late next week.

**Math:** This week will focus on planning and budgeting.

**Novel Study:** We hope to finish up *Snow Treasure!*

**Spelling:** Lesson 15: touch, cousin, southern, double, trouble, rough enough, dozen, govern, flood, blood, product, brook, shook, goodness, couldn't, wouldn't, outline, household, fountain.

**Social Studies:** We plan to study a few different First Nation groups that settled in Ontario.

**French:** There will be a French test on avoir and etre on Wednesday.

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 25:4(Dec22), Ps 141:2(Jan12); **Text:** Ex 20: 8-17(Dec22)

**Calendar of Events**

Board meeting	Dec 18
LINK materials due	Dec 20
Hot Dog Day	Dec 20/21
"Winter Wonderland" Theme Day	Dec 22
Skating(9AM-1PM)	Dec 22
Assembly: Christmas(2B&3)	Dec22(2:30)
Assembly: New Year's(Principal)	Jan 8
Gr.5/6 Ski Trip	Jan 18
Books and Bagels(Group A)	Jan 25

**Church History:** We are learning about the spreads, attacks and divisions in the early church. We will be having a mid unit test this coming Wednesday.

**Math:** We continue our unit on decimals, looking at dividing and multiplying decimals. We will finish this unit with a test on Thursday.

**LA:** We will finish our short story unit in the coming week.

**Spelling:** Lesson 14: plank, sprang, scratch, scramble, glance, advance, balance, damage, manage, command, gallop, wrapped, manner, planned, scatter, frankly, lasting, landlord, practice, plunge, navigator, scampered, antique, amateur, examine.

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

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**Memory Work: Song:** Ps 25: 4; **Text:** Ex 20: 8-17(Dec22)

**Bible Study:** Unit 3 Test on Jacob's life will be given next Wednesday, Dec 20. Review sheet will go home on Friday.

**Church History:** Next week we will focus on a test on the last 4 lessons and preparing for it.

**Math:** Division "cheats" for each digit? Yes, please! In Geometry, we continue our "Measurement" unit with Volume.

**LA:** *Underground to Canada* essay will be peer-edited, proofread, and submitted next week. In Short Stories we will focus on stories around the theme of Victories.

**Grammar and Writing:** We will wrap up our first Grammar unit.

**Spelling:** Review of Lessons 7-11 continues.

**Science:** We're learning about different circuits, and trying our hand at building some.

**Social Studies:** We will do a wrap-up on what we have studied for "communities" so far—from our own Dutch community to First Nations.

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

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<b>Monday</b>	Devotions: Isaac
<b>Tuesday</b>	Devotions: Lucas Bring PE clothes Unit 4B Math Quiz - Decimals
<b>Wednesday</b>	Field trip to Ripley's Aquarium
<b>Thursday</b>	Devotions: Lucy Unit 3B French Quiz
<b>Friday</b>	Devotions: Aidan Unit 1 Church History Test Memory Work: Psalm 55:1,10 Don't forget your skates!

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<b>Tuesday</b>	Ch. 6 French quiz
<b>Wednesday</b>	Field trip to Ripley's aquarium
<b>Thursday</b>	Formal debates!
<b>Friday</b>	Psalm 58:1 John 14:6,7 Skating and dress up day