



Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! Here we are at the final *Weekly* for this calendar year! Tomorrow is Skating as well as the Christmas assembly presented by grades 2B and 3. The assembly begins at 2:30. Also tomorrow is Winter Wonderland Day. Come dressed up in your Christmas Sweater, Jersey, Toque, etc. Tomorrow is the last call for the Lost and Found. After that, it will be donated. Wishing you the Lord's blessings and care through the holidays as well as into the Year of Our Lord, 2024. Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 100:1; Text: Isaiah 12:2

Bible Study: M/T Crossing the Red Sea W/Th Israel Complains

Math: Exploring Size

LA: Sight Word: not Letters: Aa, Bb

Science: Snow and Ice

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 121:1(Jan12); Text: Ps 119:105(Jan19)

Bible Study: God leads His people into Canaan (Joshua 2-8)

Math: We begin reading graphs in our new data management unit

LA: Daily Five centers begin with the help of classroom volunteers to tackle long vowels!

Sight words: yes, went, are, now

Reading Comprehension: Learning that even the closest of friends can get annoyed with each other in our story "Matthew and Tilly" and how to navigate that situation when it happens.

Library: Jory John books this month helping us learn to identify bad habits.

Music: using non pitched instruments to learn our ta's and titi's

French: We will become familiar with the English story "The Sky is Falling" to introduce our French play.

Show & Tell: When we return we will be starting our alphabet round of show& tell. Details to come.

Grade One B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 121:1(Jan12); Text: Ps 119:105(Jan19)

Bible Study: Budding of Aaron's staff, Sin of Aaron & Moses, The Bronze Snake, Moses dies.

Church History: Unit 2- People in Church History - Peter, Preacher of the Gospel

Math: Wrap up: Addition & subtraction from 0-12.

Sight Words: up, other, out, many

Phonics: We'll ease into the new year with some review and then start with r-controlled vowels. Our first one will be /ar/ as in star.

Writing: How to Make Hot Chocolate (we got busy this week:))

Science: New Unit: Matter & Energy

Show & Tell: Henry the Hippo

Week of Jan 8th: T Wren Th Bennett F Lauren

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 1(Dec22), Ps 147:5(Jan12), Ps 42:3(Jan19); Text: Luke 9:23-24(Dec22), Deut 6:4,5(Jan19)

Bible Study: T Jesus' Parables: The Talents W The Weeds & The Mustard Seed Th The Tenants F The Labourers

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

LA: Spelling: words with w- or wh-; syllable division for reading and writing; theme: Kindness: The Shoemaker and the Elves; Radio plays

PE/Health: finishing static balances and beginning fitness; healthy eating

(Monday): Church History: We will continue to learn about John Chrysostom

Math: 2D Figures: We will practise sorting 2D figures by different attributes

Grammar: Cool, fun, crazy, splendid adjectives!

Writing: We will begin a new unit on Opinion Writing

Science: Animal Adaptations

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Memory Work: Song: Hy 1(Dec22), Ps 147:5(Jan12); Text: Lk 9:23,24(Dec22)

Bible Study: We've wrapped up Unit 2 for the year. We will begin Unit 3: Part 2 of Jesus' Ministry in January.

Church History: We are working Unit 2: People in Church History. We will continue to look at John Chrysostom, a preacher in Antioch.

M/W/Th Math: We will continue to work through Unit 2: Number Relationships. We will wrap up the final few lessons in the beginning of January!

T/F Math: We will be starting Unit 5: Data Management.

LA: We will continue with our Unit in Kindness in the new year, beginning with the story of The Whale's Song. Grammar: Commas. Writing: Trait #3: Voice.

Science: Animal Life Cycles & Animal Adaptations.

PE: We continue to work hard at our Fitness Unit in Phys Ed class.

Grade Three

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On Tuesday, Jan. 9 we have a short Chess test where students identify attributes of chess pieces. On weeks where we have spelling tests, 20 spelling words will be listed for study. There will not be a spelling test during our first week back following the Christmas Holiday. On Thursday, January 11, we plan to begin Church History for the second round, running for about 45 school days. We look at reformers from a variety of countries and time periods, as early as Athanasius, up to Rev. deCock of the Secession. I pray that all of you will have a blessed time with family and friends during the Christmas Holidays. Christ has given us a gift surpassing description, and a reason to celebrate through every season of life! Jan. 8-12, 2024 Lord willing...

Memory Work: Song: Ps 17:3(Jan13); Text: Ps 23:4-6(Jan19)

Bible Study: M Gen 47:28-49:27 T Gen 49:28-50:14 W Gen 50:15-26

Church History: Th/F: Thomas Cranmer (reformer in England)

LA: The Blind Men and the Elephant (unit theme: Imagination)

Spelling: review V.C.E. and introduce rep/tile rule (syllable division) no test

Vocab. Words: NA

Math: repeated addition, counting by 2s, 4s, 5s, 10s (a primer for multiplication)
Social Studies: Urban & Rural Communities
PE: Badminton serving and reciprocation skill development and assessment

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Memory Work: **Song:** Ps 45:1(Jan12); **Text:** Is 40:28,29(Jan19)
Math: Students will learn about similar figures, pentominoes, and work with solids and skeletons.
Spelling: Continuing on in the units, we're at lesson 15:
Grammar: We've been looking at capitalization and using commas and all the rules that go with it. When we return, we'll review all the rules of using commas.
Reading: The great adventures with *Stone Fox* now behind us, students will study several of Aesop's Fables to interpret and analyze story morals.
Social Studies: We were able to get through the major physical regions of our trip across Canada, so when we return we'll keep moving east and "visit" the last few regions!
PE: We'll begin our new unit on manipulative activities using gym equipment! It's a fun unit learning to manipulate objects with hockey sticks, ringette sticks, scoops and more!
Wishing you all God's blessing this Christmas season, and a bright new year ahead!

Grade Five *jkapteyn@mcsfergus.ca*
Memory Work: **Song:** Ps 117:1(Jan12); **Text:** Rom 1:16-17(Jan19)
Bible Study: We start a new unit on Christ's suffering and will see the time leading up to his death on the cross.
Math: Our new unit looks at data management. We will be learning about different kinds of graphs and how to read and understand them.
Language Arts: We will start a new unit on poetry and learn to read and write many different kinds of poems.
Spelling: Lesson 16: acts, angle, ankle, rank, thankful, fact, grasp, brass, canyon, sample, stack, shack, jacket, racket, hatch, patch, catcher, matches, branches, hasn't (aspect, attaching, attacking, calendar, antenna)
Social Studies: We will continue to look at the first settlers of Canada both First Nations and those from across the ocean like the vikings.

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Memory Work: **Song:** Ps 141:1,2(Jan12); Ps 123:1(Jan19); **Text:** Ps 47:1-4(Jan19)

Special Days *Winter Wonderland*
Tomorrow's the day! Come to school wearing your favourite hockey jersey, Christmas sweater or Christmas hat. We are excited to see all of your festive cheer. This themed day will coincide with Skating, so don't be afraid to bundle up with all of your Christmas favourites.

Calendar of Events	
"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 will continue our unit looking at the early church after the holidays.
Math: We will be starting our new unit on Data Management.
Novel Study: We are going to be starting our new novel study Stormy!
Writing: We have written some small fairy tales, but after the holidays we will be starting our big fairy-tale assignment.
PE: Don't forget those P.E. clothes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday!

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Memory Work: **Song:** Ps 141: 1, 2
Bible Study: We're going on to Unit 4, looking at Jacob's children, with a focus on Joseph.
Church History: Next week we will focus on a test on the last 4 lessons and preparing for it.
Math: Equations and integers. In Geometry, we continue our "Measurement" unit with Volume.
LA: The students have a novel by Jim Kjelgaard to read during the Christmas holidays. 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: Lesson 14: plank, sprang, scratch, scramble, glance, advance, balance, damage, manage, command, gallop, wrapped, planned, manner, scatter, frankly, lasting, landlord, practice, plunge, *navigator, scampered, antique, amateur, examine*
Science: What's in a battery? How does a battery make electricity flow?
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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Tuesday	Devotions: Ryder	Bring PE clothes
Wednesday	Devotions: Izzy	Spelling Lesson 14
Thursday	Devotions: Allison	Bring PE clothes
Friday	Devotions: Mark	Bring PE clothes
	Memory Work: Psalm 56:4,5	

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Wednesday:	Spelling lesson 14	
Friday:	Psalm 68:2	