



Dear Parents

Welcome, Parents and other friends of MCS! Winter has finally arrived! It's a lot colder than it has been and yet there are students losing toques, mitts and snow pants. In the event that your child forgot their winter gear on the bus, the drivers bring it into the lost and found as well. And yes, in spite of the cold weather, this continues to grow in volume. Today our grades 5&6 students are enjoying a day on the slopes. We pray for an enjoyable day and a safe return. Next week Wednesday, due to ECHS exams, there will be shortened bus routes in the afternoon. You can anticipate your child coming home at least 10 minutes earlier if their stop is usually after the ECHS pick up. This will last until the follow Thursday. Next week Friday is Soup Day. Thank you to all the mom's who put in extra time for these special days. These are very much appreciated by the children, especially when it's 'mom' serving in the classroom (even with the 'big kids!') Read on to find out what is happening in the various classrooms.

Kindergarten

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Memory Work: Song: Psalm 81:1; **Text:** Isaiah 12:2

Math: We will continue working with measurement.

LA: Sight word – where Letters: Cc and Dd

Science: We will be learning about land formations and earthquakes.

When your child is special person and has the mystery letter bag, he may choose any letter that he wishes.

Grade One A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 24:1(Jan26); **Text:** Ps Rev 7:17(Feb1)

Bible Study: The results of Israel not removing everyone from Canaan

Math: Timed addition drills, counting by 2,5,10 and bar graphs

Phonics: Long vowel A spelled with AI and AY

Sight words: good, want, to, pretty

Reading Comprehension: Learning about folktales and reading our first one "The Chase"

Science: Electricity runs in a circuit!

PE: balancing

Library: Thursdays. Jory John is this month's author.

Music: Starting to learn our concert songs and learning quarter and half notes with the bells

Alphabet Show & Tell: M Hudson (H) T Jacob (I) W Jayden (J) Th Katy (K) F Kylie (L)

Grade One B

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 24: 1(Jan26); **Text:** Rev. 7:17

Bible Study: Achan's Sin, Destruction of Ai, The Gibeonites & Dividing the Land.

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

Math: There are many kinds of graphs: bar graph, pictograph, line graph and tally graphs. We will conduct some surveys!

Sight Words: then, them, so, look

Phonics: R-controlled vowels - /ar/, /er/, /ir/, /ur/

Writing: How to Build a Snowman

Science: We will continue with renewable resources and begin learning about electricity.

Show & Tell: Henry the Hippo

Week of Jan 22nd: T Jacob W Blake Th Liam

Next Up: Alphabet Show & Tell: more details to follow on seesaw.

Grade Two A

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 86:4(Jan26), Hy 58:1,2; **Text:** Prov 3:5,6

Bible Study: T Peter's Confession W the Transfiguration Th the Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit F Review/Quiz

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

LA: Spelling: words with -ar- and -or-; theme: Kindness: The Paper Crane; Radio plays

PE/Health: Winter Fitness Circuit; healthy eating

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

Math: Symmetry

Grammar: Adjectives

Writing: Opinion Writing

Science: Winterfest!

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 42:3(Jan19); **Text:** Deut 6:4,5(Jan19)

Bible Study: M The Paralytic in Capernaum W Jairus' Daughter and the Sick Woman Th Quiz

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 be wrapping up our unit on Number Sense.

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

LA: We will continue our Unit in Kindness. In Spelling we will look at the differences between "ar" and "or" spelling.

Science: We will be looking at interactions between animals and humans, and how we can help/hinder each other.

PE: We will continue with our Fitness Unit, with a focus on our "Snowfall Fitness Circuit"

Grade Three

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A Math test is scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 23 dealing with unit 6: Number Sense: skip counting, writing multiplication sentences, drawing arrays for multiplication sentences, and finding the product, (lessons 27, 29-38). In Church History we shift our view to the Netherlands, and much closer to our time period, 1830s, to discover how the Lord used Rev. Hendrick deCock and others to bring about a reformation in the Netherlands, the Secession of 1834.

Jan. 22-26, 2024 Lord willing...

Memory Work: Song: Ps 61:1(Jan26); **Text:** Ps 24:1-3(Feb1)

Church History: M Thomas Cranmer(England) T-F: Rev. H. deCock (Netherlands, Ulrum)

LA: Creative Writing

Spelling: N.A.

Vocabulary Words: N.A.

Math: review, test, mental strategies for multiplication

Social Studies: Urban & Rural Communities: Forestry

PE: assessment of badminton serves

Grade Four

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Memory work: Sing: Ps 3:2(Jan26); **Text:** Is 40: 30,31(Feb1)

Church History: Now that we've come to the end of the unit, we will be reviewing next week, and will have a test on Wednesday.

Math: We're starting the second part of our geometry unit, using our knowledge of shapes and their attributes to work with 3-D solids.

Social Studies: Now that the class is caught up with and has reviewed the physical regions we’ve studied so far, we’re going to move onto the smaller central and eastern physical regions.

Reading: Students will be starting a project on Aesop’s Fables. In groups they will be assigned a fable to read, dissect and then analyze the moral. This will be presented to the class.

Grammar: We’ll have a quiz on what we’ve learned about commas next week Thursday. The students have written out all the rules and they will be allowed to use this notebook on the quiz.

Spelling: Lesson 17: until, study, lucky, bucket, number, Sunday, sir, shirt, dirty, birthday, leaf, leak, leading, heating, scold, oldest, holding, poster

Grade Five *jkapteyn@mcsfergus.ca*

Memory Work: Song: Ps 63:2(Jan26); **Text:** John 15:5-8(Feb1)

Bible Study: We continue to study the time around Jesus’ death on the cross. We will see him appearing to different people after he rises.

Math: This math unit continues to follow data and how to display it in graphs. This week will look at surveys and we hope to do some examples.

LA: We will look at some more poetry types and will focus on limericks and haikus.

Spelling: Lesson 18 is a review of the last 5 lessons.

Social Studies: We will take a quick look at the Vikings, their culture, and their effect on early Canada.

Grade Six A *pbouwman@mcsfergus.ca*

Memory Work: Song: Ps 98:1(Jan26), Ps 114:1(Feb1); **Text:** Ps 47:5-9(Feb1)

Church History: This week we will learn about the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Schism of 1054 and Monastic Reform before we wrap the unit up with a test.

Math: We hope to create our own surveys and graph the data we receive.

LA: We have started reading our next novel study and will continue with it in the next couple of weeks.

Spelling: Lesson 16: highly, slight, frighten, delightfully, twilight, height, diameter, bicycle, satisfied, design, stylish, typewriter, rinse, width, midst, knitting, trimmed, slither, system, mystery, guilty, dynamite, judicial, liberal, vanilla.

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

Winterfest *January 22 2024*

Snow much fun! Grades 1-6 will enjoy Winterfest on Monday, January 22! This is a fun afternoon of outdoor activities, so be prepared to play in the snow! It might be a good idea to pack an extra pair of mitts for the day! After some snowy outdoor fun, the PTA will be providing hot chocolate and nut free cookies for kindergarten to grade 8. There will also be a gluten-free/dairy free hot chocolate substitute but not a cookie substitute. Thank you to our gracious PTA committee!

Books and Bagels (Group A) *January 25 2024*

Group A will be meeting on Thursday, January 25th to discuss our next book: *City of Ember*. Please arrive at the school by 7:15am, but *no earlier than 7:00am*. Come prepared to discuss the book. It will be assumed that the students have read the entire book prior to our meeting. We hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events	
Books and Bagels(Group A)	Jan 25
Winterfest(afternoon)	Feb 27
ECHS Exams: Early PM buses	Jan 24- Feb 2
Soup Day	Jan 26
PD Day	Feb 2
Term 1 Reports	Feb 9
P/T Interviews	Feb 13&15
Books and Bagels(Group B)	Feb15
Assembly (K&2A)[2:30]	Feb 15
CARE PD Day(Hamilton)	Feb 16
Family Day	Feb 19
LINK Due	Feb 21
KB Friday	Feb 23
Declamation Contest(Provincials)	Mar 1

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Memory Work: Song: Ps 98:1

Bible Study: Joseph reunited with his family

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

Math: The practical applications of integers. In Geometry, we continue our “Measurement” unit with Volume.

LA: We have begun our unit on the novel *Stormy*; a reminder to students that they also have a second novel by Jim Kjelgaard to read. 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 16

Science: Magnets and electricity

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

Grade Seven *avansydenborgh@mcsfergus.ca*

Monday	Devotions: Jordynn Speech rough copy due
Tuesday	Devotions: Sawyer
Wednesday	Devotions: Kenzie Spelling Lesson 15 Science Test - Chapter 4&5 Speech good copy due
Thursday	Devotions: Dustin Church History - Unit 2 Test
Friday	Devotions: Melani Memory Work: Psalm 70:1

Grade Eight *wbartels@mcsfergus.ca*

Monday:	Devotions: Jonah Unit 7 Math test
Tuesday:	Devotions: Chloe
Wednesday:	Devotions: Kylee Neat copy of speech due Spelling lesson 16
Thursday:	Devotions: Eden
Friday:	Devotions: Ronan Psalm 82:2