

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"



Reformation Day: This Saturday, October 31, Christians remember events of almost 500 years ago. As remarkable as it seems, some ideas and issues raised by Martin Luther's actions in a small town in Germany are still very much with us today.

Luther desired to steer the church back to its Bible-based roots and leave behind the trappings of secular wealth, prestige, and power. These still tempt not only churches, but also individuals. The Reformation had a profound impact on the economic, social, literary, and artistic aspects of today's society; it was, as its core, a religious movement. It brought to the fore the key doctrine of justification by faith and gave rise to churches and organizations based on faith and Biblical values. Doctrine and action are often clumsy partners; the missteps of Reformers and their followers are many but that should not diminish either their achievements of our continued efforts to remain faithful to God's



Word. Luther's hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, served to inspire generations of Christians. "God's truth abideth still," both reassures us and keeps our focus clear - even after all these years.

Thursday and Friday: It's only a three day week this week. The annual OCSTA Teacher's Convention takes place this week at Redeemer University College in Ancaster. Staff will attend various workshops in math and literacy. In addition, they will hear addresses by Marva Dawn, author and educator from B.C., and Peter Schuurman, Brock University chaplain. The students, of course, will miss their teachers, but will be consoled by some extra family time.

Early Assessment Reports: Some families will receive early assessment reports in the mail this week. They are not intended in any way as "report cards", but simply to communicate on paper any perceived problems a student may be having in the class room. It is early enough in the school year to improve achievement or address any needs. Suggested assistance strategies will be noted. As always, please feel free to discuss these with the teacher.

Praying for our Children: We continue our list of encouraging one another to pray for our children. The list intends to make our prayers purposeful and focused on the specific needs of our young people. This week's focus is on **self-control**: "Father, help them to be 'alert and self-controlled' in all they do." (1 Thessalonians 5:6).



[Source: Bob Hostetler, "31 Ways to Pray for Your Childrend," *The Banner*, August, 2009]

Vouchers: Take note that vouchers will be sold this **WEDNESDAY** instead of Thursday due to the Teachers Convention this week. The voucher committee has for sale one \$25.00 Starbucks Gift Card with a 5% earning going towards your tuition(ordered in error). Please contact Karen Sipkens at 519 845 0487 if you are interested.

Weather: As winter draws near and crisp fall days are usually present this time of year, the weather is often changeable. Parents are reminded to ensure that the students have proper clothes to deal with colder days and possibly rainy days.

Indoor Shoes: During the first few weeks, we have had a problem with shoes marking the floors. We are asking each student and family to check their indoor shoes to make sure they are non-scuff/non-marking. Even shoes labelled as non-marking are leaving marks on the floors. Falsely labelled shoes can be refunded. If shoes are causing a problem, please consider replacing them.

Pop Cans: There has been a change in the pop can collection program. It was previously mentioned that pop cans were not going to be collected anymore. This has changed, and pop cans **will** still be collected as a fundraiser for the school. The cans can still be dropped off at school or delivered to Doug and Tara Boelens home. Doug and Tara will be collecting them and also crushing them. Due to lack of space storing them at the school, John and Sandra Benjamins will be storing them at their place.

Christmas in the Village: Attention all members, families and supporters of John Knox. The Helping Hands Committee is hosting the Christmas in the Village this year. But we need your help. We are asking for each family to donate 2 to 3 dozen baked goods to put into our Goodie Trays that we will assemble and sell at the event. If you are able to help out in this event please drop off your goodies to the school before 3 pm on Thursday, Nov. 5. Please be aware when baking that we can only accept neat and tidy squares. Icing tends to make things sticky and messy and we want to make our trays as eye catching as possible. If you have any questions, contact Angela Moesker. Thanks!

Bus Notes and School Absentees: Just a reminder: Our safety policy and our bus policy requires that students need a note or a phone call from the parent to the school if they are being picked up or if there is a change in their bus drop-off point. Also, if your child(ren) will not be at school, please phone the office to let the staff know.

Upcoming Events

OCT 29&30 - Professional Development Days

NOV 4 - Gr. 8 Day at LDCSS.

NOV 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly

NOV 19 - Science Fair

NOV 27 - PD Day



Kindergarten students on their class trip to Zekvelds.

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Memory Work: Genesis 28:15

Bible: Isaac

"Orange Day": Tuesday, Oct. 27 is "Orange Day". Don't forget your orange clothes and orange show and tell.

Homework: Please return the pattern homework page which went home last Thursday.

Looking Ahead: The November calendar will go home on Tuesday. The highlight of the month will be the socials unit, "All About Me." Check the calendar for special extra show and tell items throughout the month.

Yellow Envelope: Please check the envelope coming home on Tuesday. Help your child complete the information sheet and return it to school. They will be used for a special bulletin board. Thank you for your help!

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

No Memory Work or Spelling Words this week.

Bible: Mon: Jacob and Laban

Tues: Jacob's Struggle

Wed: Jacob Enters the Promised Land

Book Reports: (Gr. 2) - Please use this week to complete unfinished reports. A new form will be sent home next Monday.

Student Reader: Friday, Nov. 6: Brooke

Special Child: Nov. 2-6: Maddy DeBoer

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to a short school week! The Teacher's Convention is on Thursday and Friday of this week so students you will have an extra long weekend! (This will give you that opportunity to work on your A.R. reading and complete your science projects!). It is the last week of October which means the funds for Francisco will be counted. If you are able to contribute to Francisco that would be great!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for next Friday, Nov. 6th from Romans 12:7,8 NIV.

Bible: We will be looking at Genesis 24 and Genesis 26. The stories are *Isaac Marries Rebekah* and *Isaac*



and *Abimelech*. We will be reviewing Unit 2, the stories on Abraham and Isaac. A Bible test is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Math: Both grades are busy in their new unit on *Number Concepts*.

***Both grades have a math homework assignment due next Thursday.**

Current Events: *Tues:* Aiden M., Katelyn V.
Wed: Shane B., Adyson K.

Science: This is the **last week** to work on your Science Project! The date has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, Nov. 3rd** to allow you to take advantage of the two days off on Oct. 29 and 30th if you need to do so. Many of you have been telling me about your projects and I look forward to seeing them! Be sure to include a written (gr. 3) and typed (gr. 4) paragraph or two on how your invention works and what simple machine(s) you used that helps this invention.

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: No test this week.

Grammar: Great work on our verb unit, Gr. 4!

French: We are starting our next unit this week. Our new verb is 'porter' (-to wear) and our new vocabulary are the names of pieces of clothing.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

This week is a short one, so there will not be a Spelling test or Memory Work. Please use the weekend to get ahead on those Science Fair Projects! Enjoy the 4 day weekend grade 5 & 6!

Memory Work: Please memorize the Books of the New Testament and their categories for next Friday.

Math: Our test on Numeration will be next Wednesday, November 4. We will be spending a few days reviewing the concepts in class. At-home preparation is strongly encouraged.

Current Events: We'll take a break from Current Events this week, and resume next week Wednesday with Tim and Jessica as our reporters.

French: Vocabulary and verb quiz on Tuesday. Please review Unit 5 vocabulary and être and -er verbs.

Forgetfulness: We have a bit of a forgetfulness epidemic in our class - please double check you bag for

math notebooks, planners, portfolios, binders and gym clothes. We have agreed upon appropriate consequences for leaving these items at home and hope that our track record will improve.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Literature: Quizzes were handed back today and showed good effort; please ask your student about his/her result!

Vocabulary: A quiz on the words from ch. 1-3 of *The Bronze Bow* will be given tomorrow. Please study!

Geography: We will learn about the flora and fauna of the coniferous forest biome beginning this week. The Geography Study Club has been disbanded for the time being. Congratulations to those who so greatly improved their mark!

Book "Report": Our autobiography book character day is Wednesday. Your child must read an autobiography, know lots of details about the person he/she has read about, and come prepared to dress up like the person. We'll have an autobiographical "festival" complete with games and photo ops! A mark will be given based on knowledge of the person read about, as well as the effort made to come in costume.

On Wednesday a progress report will be sent home. This will be simply a computer print off detailing your student's grades so far this term. Please look for this and discuss the results with your son/daughter.

Have a great "teacher's convention" break!

Mr. Boersma:

Due to the shortened school week, there will not be a memory work or spelling quiz. Please use the time to work ahead on such items as the science fair project or Remembrance Day writing.

Math: Quiz on angles and triangles on Wednesday.

Science: Take some time on your long weekend to work on your science fair project. A preliminary project report sheet will be due on Tuesday, November 3. This is intended to help each student stay on track for completion of the project in time for the science fair on November 19.

History: This week we will begin an overview of Canada's role in the World Wars and peacekeeping

missions. In part this prepares students for their Remembrance Day art and writing, but it also gives them a background to some key events that shaped our society. Students will be given guidelines for the written work; they should feel free to work on this during the extra time off this week.