



Galatians 5:22-23a

“Growing Roots and Bearing Fruit”

Theme Verse 2024-2025



Book Character Dress Up Day - March 28

Mrs. Frizzle, Fancy Nancy, Franklin the Turtle, Nancy Drew: which book character will you dress up as? Students and staff are invited to come in their costumes this Friday March 28. Students are asked not to include large props or pretend weapons as part of their costume.

May Professional Development

Our staff have the opportunity to complete training with the Edvance Christian Schools, on behaviour management and intervention. To accommodate this training the board of directors has moved the PD Day from Friday, May 2 to Monday, May 5. May 2 will now be a regular day of school, and on May 5 the school will be closed for staff training.

Report Card Envelopes

Please remember to return your report card envelopes to the school office. That includes the large family envelope as well as individual envelopes. If you have a student in KinderStart A please return the envelope as well as the portfolio. These are used again in Term 3.

Monday,
March 24, 2025

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 26

Library Day

Thursday, March 27

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 28

Book Character Day

Wednesday, April 2

Library Day

Thursday, April 3

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

JKCS Spring Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, April 8

Battle of the Books Competition - St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 9

Library Day

Thursday, April 10

Chess Tournament - Strathroy
Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Monday, April 14

Staff Meeting 3:35pm

Wednesday, April 16

Chapel - SK B at 9:30am
Pizza Day
Library Day
Fine Arts Day

Thursday, April 17

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, April 18

Good Friday - no school

Primary Teaching Position

JKCS is looking for a primary teacher to join our staff team for September 2025. If you are interested in learning more about this position please check out the posting at <https://edvance.ca/jobs/detail?id=16562>

Vouchers

Every Thursday the Voucher Committee is in the school lobby selling gift cards to local grocery stores and Tim Horton's. This program provides a tuition reduction, in that a percentage of all sales go back to your family and a percentage of sales go back to the school. The school has been able to use funds from this program towards classroom renovations and the purchase of a new bus. If your family is not yet buying your grocery gift cards from the school, check in with the school office or come out on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:30pm, to see how participation in the program can be an excellent fundraiser that benefits both your family and the school.

JKCS Spring Membership Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the John Knox Christian School Membership meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. We are looking forward to coming together as a community to see how God is at work in our school.

Wanted - Paid Help!

Wyoming John Knox Christian School is hosting its annual Invitational Two-Pitch Softball Tournament on Friday, May 23 at the Camlachie Community Centre.



Something new for this year: Umpires will be paid. So we're looking for people familiar with the two-pitch rules (rules will be provided) and are willing to commit to umpiring a number of games on that day. We'll need six to eight umpires. Interested? Please contact Mrs. Ferguson or the school office.



Classroom News

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

Youngsters yodel Yy! Yippee!

Memory Work: Psalm 100, musical songs

Bible: Naaman is Healed - 2 Kings 5:1-15
The Fiery Furnace - Daniel 3

Wednesday Shared Snack: Meika

Thursday Shared Snack: Annie

Weekly Theme: Although there are so many more books to read and rhymes to make, we will be wrapping up our Dr. Seuss work this week. Books featured will include; "Fox In Socks" and "Oh, The Places You'll Go".

Brown Day! It is "**Brown Day**" for the JK students on Tuesday, March 25 and for the SK class on the following day, Wednesday, March 26. Don't forget to wear something **brown**, KinderStart!

Math: Both classes have been learning to skip count and we will continue with more counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. There will also be some measurement and comparison work to complete.

Phonemic Awareness: Let's keep studying word families and focus on the ending sounds of words. SK students will have more real and silly words to read.

Thank You! We had a great time at the Pelleboer's as we learned about their maple sugar production and enjoyed a delicious treat. We want to thank the parents who accompanied us on our outing!



Happy Birthday! We celebrate two birthdays on March 26: Logan turns five and Meika will be six. Happy Birthday, friends!

Water Bottles: It is very important that students remember to bring a water bottle to school each day.

Looking Ahead: Didn't March just fly by? Look for the April calendar to come home at the end of this week. The very popular Bear Unit is on the schedule for the month. Get ready to learn more about real bears as well as have some fun with fictional bears as well!

Harvesting Salad,
Cats in Hats
And
Stacking Cups!



Classroom News

Kinderstart (B)

Mrs. Lofgren - Junior KinderStart - B

Star Student: Tuesday – Brooklyn Thursday - Bryce

Shared Snack: Saige (Thursday)

Letter of the week: Yy

Memory Work: Daniel 6:26-27, Musical Songs

Bible: Naaman is Healed/Josiah Hears God's Word

Handwriting: Lowercase letters i, c, o, q, g, s.

Weekly Theme: We wrap up our study of Dr. Seuss this week. We will read the books "Fox in Sox" and "Hop on Pop". Rhyming, patterning, and art activities will stem from these books.

Math: We will continue our look at the numbers 11-20 this week and introduce number lines.

** **Brown Day** is on Tuesday, March 25! Feel free to wear **brown** and bring a **brown** item for show-and-tell.

Happy 5th Birthday to Maja on Tuesday, March 25!

Mrs. Sipkens - Senior KinderStart - B

Memory Work: "Runner, when the race is long, Feel like giving in, but you're hanging on. Oh, runner, when the race is won you will run into His arms."

Bible: We are pausing on our priests, prophets, and kings for a few weeks, so that we can prepare for our Easter Chapel. SK-B will be leading Chapel on Wednesday April 16 at 9:30 am, and we invite you to join us!

Socials: Our focus will be on *Mr. Brown Can Moo*, and *Oh, the Places You'll Go* as we finish up our unit on Dr. Seuss. What a fun unit this has been, as we find real vs silly words, and oh so many rhymes!

Math: Subtraction has proven to be a difficult unit, but the students are rising to the challenge and working hard! This is something that can be practiced at home as well, and can be found in everyday situations.

Show & Tell: Boys on Wednesday (can you find two things that rhyme?)

Forest Friday: We stay at the school this week.

Brown Day is this Wednesday! Wear as much **brown** as you can find.



We 'went' bowling today, practicing our subtraction!



Classroom News

Grade 1

Mrs. Tetreault

Phonics: This week we'll study words with the long "a" sound. In these words, the long vowel sound is created by the silent "e" at the end of the word.

Spelling: We will have a test on Friday: made, make, came, take, safe, game, grapes, brave, shape, skate

Memory Work: We are memorizing so many lyrics for the school musical! This week we will learn our final two songs: "Couch Potato" and "Runner". I appreciate your support at home!

Art: We have a beautiful display of oil pastel squid, seahorses, dolphins and other creatures from last week's collaborative ocean scene activity! Ask your child what they drew!

Writing: Our writing focus is on informational text. Students use graphic organizers to develop a topic sentence, three main points, and a concluding sentence. Students have written informational paragraphs on how to clean their rooms, so they should be well-prepared to be great helpers at home!

Bible: Our new unit focuses on Samuel and Saul. Though God provided leaders for the Israelites and was their true King, the people requested an earthly king. We will learn about the life of Samuel and how God directed him to anoint Saul as Israel's first king.

Social Studies: Students are eager to learn more about Ecuador! We have coloured the flag and maps, and are studying key facts about this country.

Shoeboxes: Do you have a shoebox or similar-sized box at home? Please bring it in for an upcoming project! Thanks!

Classroom News

Grade 2 (A)

Mrs. Ferguson

Bible: We have been learning about the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. We will finish this unit and have a test on Wednesday.

Memory Work: Our memory work is from Romans 5: 6, 8. "*For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" I will listen to these verses on Friday, March 28.

Phonics: We will be studying words that end with the suffixes -er and -est. Words that end with -er can tell us that someone does something (such as a teacher or a singer) or can be used to compare two things (such as taller or tallest).

Spelling: Our spelling words are: **teacher, baker, bigger, lighter, cleanest, slowest, oldest, strongest, bravest, and become.** Our spelling test will be on Friday, March 28.

Math: We finished up our unit on money last week by looking at the Canadian dollar bills. We will finish up with a quiz today. Our next unit looks at time. We begin by measuring time on non-standard units like claps or snaps, then we will look at measuring time in hours, minutes and seconds.

Writing: We will continue with our novel study on *Charlotte's Web*. Wilbur and the Zuckerman's have made it to the County Fair. Will Wilbur win a prize at the fair? We will finish up our novel study this week and get a chance to watch the movie on Friday. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Phys Ed: We are doing a fitness unit for the next few weeks. This goes well with our health unit as we look at how to keep our bodies healthy.

Health: We will look at staying safe when riding our bikes and also some fire safety this week.

Classroom News

Grade 2 (B)

Miss Sluys

Memory Work: "Heroes of the Faith" verse 1 and 2 - learn the parts in bold (Fri. Mar. 28).

"Remember Noah?"

*Without a drop of rain, **built an ark as he was told** They thought he was insane!*

Think about young Joseph, sold as a poor slave

Now a prince in Egypt; throughout the land he reigned

Moses was a leader who won the victory

He lead the chosen people when God parted the Red Sea.

Lead by mighty Joshua, they marched for seven days.

Down came the walls of Jericho when they shouted out with praise!

Bible - The Beginning of Passion Week

Mon. - Jesus Comforts His Disciples

Tues. - Betrayal and Arrest

Wed. - Trial of Jesus

Thurs. - Peter's Denials

Fri. - Crucifixion

Spelling: mistake, mislead, misbehave, dislike, distrust, dishonest, preheat, pretest, prepay, animal (Fri. Mar. 28)

Math: Unit 8 - We'll conclude our unit this week with a couple of days learning about bills. A test is scheduled for Thursday, March 27.

Phys. Ed.: Track and Field - 100m and running long jump practice

Health (Mrs. Ferguson): We will look at staying safe when riding our bikes and also some fire safety this week.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

Spelling: We are on Lesson 22 this week - focusing on ar, are, or, and ore words. Take time to help your child practice for our test on Friday. We have also spent many weeks talking about suffixes: ness, less, ful, able, ly, or. Challenge your child to find examples of them in their books at home.

Reading: As we read about different types of communities, we are comparing them and discovering positive and negatives to them. We will read about some farming communities and what the city of Iqaluit is like. In our silent reading time, we are reading mysteries. Ask your child about the mystery they are reading.

Math: We are starting our "Perimeter and Area" unit. We have reviewed perimeter - measuring all the way around an object/shape, and are learning about area - measuring the inside of an object/shape. We will be using paper squares and triangles (2 triangles = 1 square) and geoboards as we work on understanding the difference between perimeter and area.

French: Our new vocabulary that we are learning: fache(e) (angry), fatigue(e) (tired), content(e) (happy), fort(e) (strong), grand(e) (big), and petit(e) (small). Ask your child to explain when we use the extra silent 'e' for these words. We will have a test on this unit next Thursday.

Music: We are learning many new songs for our musical!

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: This week we will continue to work on memorizing "In His Steps" from our spring musical.

Bible: This week we will finish the unit on the Tabernacle, a review sheet will come home on Wednesday, the test will be next Monday. The goal is to know each element in the Tabernacle and comprehend why feasts and celebrations occurred.

Science: Today the students completed their "Living and Working in Ontario" unit and final test. Beginning tomorrow, their new unit is "Structures". Students will learn all about forces, stability and engineering!

Grammar: This week we will refresh and review all the key parts of speech learned thus far.

Writing: Students will begin writing short stories.

Classroom News

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Bible: We will continue learning in 1 Kings 7 - 9 about King Solomon and his kingdom. God affirmed his covenant with Solomon. He promised that Solomon's throne would last forever if Solomon served God and obeyed his commands.

Memory Work and Music: Over the next several weeks we will combine music and memory work and learn the songs for our upcoming spring musical. A sheet has been sent home today and students are asked to know two songs, *In His Steps - In My Shoes*, and *Couch Potato*. There will not be a formal fill-in-the-blank test, however, reading over the lyrics at home will reinforce the practices we are having at school.

Spelling: Our focus is to spell two and three syllable words and identify open syllables. Today the students took home the new spelling list. Yes, there will be a test on Friday!

Grammar: The preposition unit has been sent home today. Our next unit is on adverbs.

Writing: We will conclude highlighting main ideas, the supporting details, and conclusions in short stories.

Novel Study:

* Thank you for letting me know the topic of the literature project. This project is due on Thursday April 17. Students have been asked to start an outline this week and to pace themselves as to not leave the work for the last minute.

* Our class has been enjoying the novel, *The Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Spear. Students will be responsible to catching up on any reading if they are away and they are welcome to bring the novel home.

Science: The light test has been returned today. We will finish up the sound component of this unit with a test on Friday.

P.E.: Over the next several weeks we will work through a fitness and a gymnastics unit.

Math: In the decimal unit, we will be working on expressing fractions as a decimal as well as adding and subtracting decimals. We are nearing the end of this unit and there will be a test on the material early next week. Students have been reviewing math concepts through a program on the i-pad, SplashLearn. They are enjoying this program while reinforcing their fraction skills!

French (Madame DeBoer): Roles have been chosen & play groups are assigned; we are also working on answering "total questions" (where the answer is included in the question itself).

Classroom News

Grade 5

Mrs. Siertsema

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ~Psalm 145:7~

Coming up in our curriculum:

Spelling: New spelling words this week.

Memory work: Lyrics from the song "Runner with The Race"

Runner, when the race is long,

Feel like giving in, but you're hanging on

Oh, runner, when the race is won you will run into His arms

Courier valiant, bearing the flame

Messenger noble sent in His name

Faster and harder, run through the night

Desperate relay, carry the light, carry the light

Math: We are continuing measurement. We have talked about length and conversions between units (for example: How many metres in 1 kilometre?) and next, we will focus on units for mass and capacity.

Bible: Our Bible unit focuses on Jesus' early ministry. We will learn about Nicodemus and then what Jesus says about living water. Wednesday we will review what we've learned in this unit and we will have a Bible test on Thursday.

Literature: We will continue our new novel: "Island of the Blue Dolphins". We will hopefully make our way through chapters 2-4 this week.

Music: We are continuing to practice the songs from the musical.

Grammar: We will continue to learn how to write complete sentences.

Writing: The students will be writing the drafts of their personal narratives.

French (Madame DeBoer): We will continue story retelling this week; it's always a fun chance to take a risk as a class and tell our familiar story in different words. We are working in partners for this!

Classroom News

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

Spelling: We are changing up the spelling curriculum for the next several weeks. Mrs. Van Den Assem will be our guest to lead us. The following information is supplied by Mrs. Van Den Assem:

The focus will be on learning "sight words" (words that do not follow spelling rules) as well as learning spelling "hacks" to improve the application of phonics to writing. **Sight Word Study:** Students will be taking ownership of "sight words" that they have not yet mastered. Each student will have their own unique set of 5 sight words to work on each week, based on dictation given on Monday. **Spelling Hacks:** Time will be spent each week on learning and applying spelling hacks/rules. Rules being learned first are: when to double letters at the end of a short vowel word, how to choose between a *c* or *k* for the sound /k/, as well as spelling the sound /ch/ with either a *ch* or *tch*. **Spelling Test:** Students will not be given a list to study. There will be a test on Friday using words that follow the spelling rules they have been taught that week. The rules will be on display in the class.

Science: It looks like we actually will be finishing up our space unit this week. Students will be learning about weight vs. mass as well as wrapping up the unit with a piece of opinion writing on "Is Space Travel Worth it?"

Math: Students will continue their unit on "3-D Geometry and Surface Area".

Grammar: Grade six is doing an in-depth look at how to correctly use quotation marks. This will include a curriculum connection with Bible.

Bible: We will be looking closer at the story of Stephen from Acts and will be completing a small narrative writing piece based on this story.

Novel Study: "Maniac Magee" is coming along nicely.

Social Studies/Current Events: Our social studies unit is on the topic of Canada and its trading partners. As you can imagine, we have already learned quite a bit about our trading relationship with the USA through our current events! This unit will become our main focus once we tie a bow on our space unit.

Health: We are learning about healthy eating habits. This unit is going to cover some curriculum from our soon to study science unit on human organ systems.

Gym: European hand ball and badminton will be taught this month.

Art: We will continue our small study on Ted Harrison and arctic art.

Writing: Our studies on persuasive writing will be put to practice in an assessment for science.

Memory: This is going to be an interesting month for memory work. Students were given a four page booklet with all the songs found in our musical. Students will memorize all these songs and the corresponding actions over the next month.

French (Madame DeBoer): We created a mini-assessment for each other based on our story; we'll complete that this week!

Classroom News

Grade 7

Mr. Teeuwen

March is flying by and we are already in our last week of the month. A reminder that the weather will change from day to day and students should come prepared for warm and cold weather. Here are some updates for what is going on in Grade 7:

Memory Work: Luke 9: 23-24

Bible: "To whom should I look up?" Examining select proverbs relating to this question.

Math: We will be performing translations, reflections, and rotations on a cartesian plane, and predicting the results of these transformations.

Language Arts: Chapter's 2 & 3 of *The Hobbit*.

Grammar: Finishing working with indefinite pronouns and moving towards building new words by using prefixes.

Phys. Ed.: Badminton and European handball.

History: Examining Canadian people of political and social influence and the "Rebellions of Upper and Lower Canada".

Geography: Continuing work on Google slide presentations of natural resources in different countries around the world.

Art: Notan designs.

Music: Singing practice for "Amazing Grace Race".

Please continue praying for us that we will follow Christ by keeping his commandments and showing love to our neighbour as ourselves.

Have a blessed week!

French (Madame DeBoer): Before March Break we learned the verb "devoir"; we will have a quiz on it on Wednesday.

Classroom News

Grade 8

Mrs. vanWyk

As we move into this busy season, much of our time will be spent preparing for the school musical. The students have been working hard, and we look forward to seeing their talents shine on stage! In addition to our regular studies, there are several upcoming field trips, and we would love to have some parent volunteers join us. If you're available to help, please let me know, we truly appreciate your support! Additionally, our Grade 8 students will have an exciting opportunity to participate in dragon boat racing in a couple of weeks, led by Mr. Teeuwen.

Important upcoming dates to keep in mind:

May 2: Field trip to Western University (to visit the observatory) and the medical museum in London. Please let me know if any parent can chaperone on this field trip!

May 13: Field trip to Western University's Chemistry Department and frisbee golf in Strathroy! Please let me know if any parent can chaperone on this field trip.

May 28 – 30: Graduation trip

June 10: Trip to Lambton Centre. Please let me know if any parent can chaperone on this field trip.

Our curriculum focuses this week:

Bible: This week, we will catch up on a couple of Bible lessons as we practiced our upcoming musical in our Bible time last week.

Math: We continue our study on fractions by adding, subtracting, and multiplying fractions, exploring fraction patterns, and studying fractions of fractions.

Geography: We will learn about a new type of graph called a population pyramid when studying a country's population. We continue our discussion of quality of life, and students will learn that these issues are interrelated and do not exist in isolation.

Science: As we explore our new unit on water systems, we'll study water usage, consumption, and its importance. We will also study the water cycle and end this week with a guest speaker.

Physical Education: Students will do the multi-stage fitness test this week, as well as strength and conditioning training.

Literature: Our literature circles are going great! Students are reading quite a few pages daily and having great discussions on the theme of prejudice. Please note that students will have journal work as homework for this unit almost daily.

Memory work: This week, we'll memorize the lyrics to two new songs we'll sing during the upcoming musical. We are memorizing the last two songs this week.

Music: With Mrs. Lisson

French (Madame DeBoer): We will have a small open-book quiz on animal facts from our cahiers this week!



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CHARITY AUCTION

ONLINE AUCTION: APRIL 28-May 1
DINNER & LIVE AUCTION May 3

YES, I CAN HELP!

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QUESTIONS? Please contact one of the committee members.



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JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

Voucher sales take place every Thursday from **1:30 –2:30 p.m.** in the **front lobby.**

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