



Ephesians 2:10

“We Are His Workmanship”

Theme Verse 2023-2024

Easter

We serve a risen Saviour! This week, staff and students will reflect upon Jesus’ death on the cross and celebrate his resurrection and victory over sin and death. Many students are creating artwork in connection with Easter—representations of the cross and the empty tomb. Teachers are sharing a collection of Easter library books to read aloud to students and classes and focusing Bible lessons on stories from the triumphal entry to Jesus’ resurrection. Please pray for our students during this Easter time, that they may grow in faith and knowledge of Christ our Saviour!

Easter Chapel

We invite you to join us at 9:00 am on Thursday for our Easter chapel, led by the grade 3 class. All are welcome to worship with us!

New Students

Admissions forms for students starting school in September 2024 are due on Friday.

Monday,
March 25, 2024

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 25

Staff Meeting - 3:45pm

Helping Hands Meeting - 7:15pm

Thursday, March 28

Easter Chapel - Grade 3 - 9:00am

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30pm

Friday, March 29

Good Friday - No school

Monday, April 1

Easter Monday - No school

Tuesday, April 2

Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday, April 4

Chess Tournament - Strathroy

Spring Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Monday, April 8

Solar Eclipse - Early Dismissal 1pm

Tuesday, April 9

Battle of the Books

Thursday, April 11

Vouchers 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Wednesday, April 17

Milk & Pizza Day

Spring Showcase

Please join us on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. for our Spring Showcase! This event will preview the Grandfriends' Day program so that parents can hear and see each class's performance! We ask that students arrive at the school by 6:30 that evening and be brought to their classrooms. We look forward to this evening of celebration and worship through musical gifts, acting, and a school choir performance!

Speechfest

Presentation and public speaking skills are important for our 21st-century learners! Students in grades 1-8 will participate in a classroom public speaking event during the week of April 29. Students in grades 1-4 will recite poetry, while our older students write and present a speech. Information about the assignments will be handed out by classroom teachers. Top speakers will be asked to present at a school-wide Speechfest during the afternoon of May 6!

Grandfriends' Day

Welcoming Grandfriends to visit children at the school is always an honour and a delight! Please send along the May 3 date to your grandparents and friends! Students will colour invitation cards to be brought home next week.

Report Card Envelopes

Please be sure to return both the family and individual report card envelopes to the office. They will be used again for Term 3 reports.

Request For Large Cardboard

Grades four through six will be presenting their plays this spring for French class and we are looking for large boxes and pieces of cardboard to use for props and set elements. If you have anything we can use, please let Mrs DeBoer know. Merci beaucoup!

JKCS Has a Chess Team!

3 students from Grades 3,5,6,7 and 8 who have been coming out to chess club faithfully and did well in our mini chess tournament, have been selected to represent John Knox at the **2nd Annual SCCS Grade by Grade Bluewater Chess Championship** on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at Strathroy Community Christian School. We are looking forward to a great day of chess playing!

Springs Membership Meeting

All parents and supporting members are invited to attend our John Knox Christian School Spring Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 pm. The proposed budget for 2024/2025 will be presented, and committees will share an update about their work for the school. Membership meeting packages were emailed out last week; if you didn't receive one please email the school office. Paper copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting. Our grade 8 students will also host a bake sale at the meeting to raise funds for their graduation trip. We look forward to seeing you there!

Classroom News

Kinderstart (A)

Mrs. Robinson

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Memory Work: Psalm 23

Bible: We will continue with the Easter story by looking at Jesus' arrest and crucifixion.

Shared Snacks: Wednesday - Brielle Thursday - Adie

Weekly Theme: Our week will focus on Easter. We will be making Easter art to hang in the school hall as well as to bring home.

Math: We will be working on more graphing in JK. The SK class will continue with more addition work.

Literacy: The JK class will be reviewing beginning sounds in addition to some rhyming activities. The SK crew will be focusing on vowel sounds.

Brown Day! Tuesday, March 26 will be "Brown Day" in the JK classroom. The SK crew will be wearing brown the next day, Wednesday, March 27.

Grandparent's Day: Links to our Grandparent's Day music was emailed to families last week. Please take some time to listen to these pieces with your child.

Report Cards: Please return your child's report card envelope and portfolio if you have not already done so.

Happy Birthday! The last week of March is a busy birthday time! We want to extend Happy Birthday Wishes to Meika on March 26, Arleigh on March 28, and Darcy and Wyatt on March 30. Happy Birthday to all!!

Looking Ahead: The April calendar will be coming home this week. Travel and transportation is up ahead. Get ready to take a trip around the world, KinderStart!



What happens if a KinderStart student makes a cookie? They will want to eat it!

Classroom News

Kinderstart (B)

Ms. VanOorspronk



Star Student: *Tuesday* will be Dallas, and *Thursday* will be Briella.

Show and Tell: *Tuesday* will Emme, and *Thursday* will be Declan.

Memory Work: Luke 24:34a

The Lord is risen indeed!

Bible: Being that yesterday was Palm Sunday the Easter story is not far away, students will hear about the Easter story and what it means to them.

Phonics: After introducing the idea of literacy centres and a soft start, we have begun centres time during our literacy block on Thursdays. Students are practicing and strengthening their phonics skills.

Math: We will be finishing up our measuring unit and transitioning back into graphing this week.

Healthy Eating: We have learned a few more food groups than just four. Students are always eager to share what food groups they have in their lunches with me. This week we learn about Sweets and Treats, not quite a food group but something we tend to enjoy sometimes a little too much and too often.

Classroom News

Grade 1 (A)

Mrs. Siertsema

This Sunday was Palm Sunday; the beginning of Holy week. In Bible, we will be focusing on the events of Holy week beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing Thursday with the crucifixion. When we come back after Easter, we will study the resurrection and the events leading up to and including the ascension. Please pray for the students this week as they absorb these truths that are shared and please continue to have conversations at home with them about Jesus' death and resurrection and what that means for us.

Our other learning goals for this week are:

Phonics: This week we are continuing our focus on vowel sounds. We will be looking at two syllable words and how each syllable needs a vowel. We will study some rules that let us know whether the vowel is long or short. A closed syllable ends with a consonant. It has a short vowel. **For example:** net An open syllable ends in a vowel. The vowel is long. **For example:** no The word robot has two syllables. Ro/bot. The first syllable is an open syllable. The second syllable is a closed syllable.

Spelling: open, silent, hello, subject, problem, subtract, out, about, now, down
Our quiz will be on Thursday this week.

Memory work: *For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.* Isaiah 43:3

Bible: Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Betrayal, Jesus' trial and the crucifixion.

Creation Studies: We are excited to begin a unit called Homes around the World! Our focus will be on the country of Ecuador. Miss Konzelman and I are excited to be planning a virtual and dramatized version of a trip to Ecuador on Thursday. Before Thursday, we will be learning about some facts on Ecuador and planning for our trip.

French: We are continuing a unit on numbers.

Math: We will be finishing our unit on graphs and charts. Students will create a question, use a tally chart and create a pictograph to display their results on Thursday, we will have a small quiz.

Literacy Centres: We are continuing literacy centres and reading groups.

Looking forward to this very important week in Grade 1!

Classroom News

Grade 1 (B)

Miss Konzelmann

Memory Work: Isaiah 43:3

*For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.*

Phonics: This week, we'll be working on 2 syllable words that include short and long vowel sounds. Your child should be able to explain to you that every syllable in a word has a vowel sound.

Spelling: Spelling test will be on Thursday. **open, silent, hello, subject, problem, subtract, out*, about*, *now, down***

Bible: We will pause our unit on David as we enter into this week before Easter. We will focus on this them for the next two weeks and then proceed with our unit of David afterwards.

Social Studies: We have an exciting unit planned as we begin to learn about different cultures around the world and what makes us each different but beautiful in the eyes of the Lord. On Tuesday, our class will be preparing for a "trip" to Ecuador as we begin to learn more about this country and culture. On Thursday afternoon, we will join with our friends in Gr. 1A and board our "flight" to Ecuador. This will jump start our learning of the country!

Math: Our class began creating different surveys to collect and organize their data on graphs. They worked on these in groups and today we had the lovely time of going to the grade 3 class to have them a participate in their surveys. We will have a test on Wednesday to review our knowledge on graphs.

Writing: We continue to revise our stories and are in the process of creating our final drafts this week. A lot of the students have had a blast being able to create their own stories and be creative with it.

Classroom News

Grade 2

Mrs. Ferguson

Memory Work: Our memory work this week is from Proverbs 4: 10-13 *“Listen, my son, and receive my words, and the years of your life will be many. I will guide you in the way of wisdom; I will lead you on straight paths.”* I will listen to these verses on Thursday, March 28.

Bible: Our next unit looks at the parables of Jesus. We will create a pop-up book to help us remember these parables and the meanings behind the stories that Jesus told.

Phonics: This week 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 Thursday, March 28.

Math: We had so much fun learning and practising the counting of coins last week. This week we will learn that there is more than one way to make an amount of money. We will also look at comparing amounts of money to see which is more.

Writing: We will continue with our novel study on *Charlotte’s Web* this week. Wilbur and the Zuckerman’s have made it to the County Fair. Will Wilbur win a prize at the fair?

Health: This week we will finish up our health unit by looking at how to keep our bodies and our teeth healthy.

Classroom News

Grade 3

Mrs. Bouma

As we look forward to celebrating God's love for us displayed through his death and resurrection, may we experience His peace and love and accept His greatest gift of salvation. Enjoy a beautiful Easter weekend!

Spelling: It is another short week, but we will have a **spelling test this Thursday**. Our new spelling list is coming home today.

Reading: To match our new Science unit, we will be reading about Structures! People make structures and so do animals. What can structures be made out of?

Math: We will review perimeter and then learn about area in our new math unit. Perimeter is measuring all the way around (like a fence) and area is measuring the inside (like the carpet in a room).

Music: Ask your child about the music we are listening to! What do they think about music composed by Hadyn and Pachelbel?

French: We are starting Unité J this week. A sheet will come home with our new vocabulary: sur (on), sous (under), devant (beside), derriere (behind), la chaise (the chair), and la table (the table). We will practice these words by placing school items around the room and making sentences. For example, *Le crayon est sous la table*. (The pencil is under the table.)

Mrs. Pries

Memory Work: 1 Peter 2:24 *“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”*

Bible: Our class will continue to practice for our Easter skit. Our new unit on Israel's worship in the wilderness will begin on Thursday.

Writers Workshop: Last week we began writing simple short stories. The students each created their own setting, main character, conflict and resolution. This week the students will be making a good copy with illustrations.

Science: Last week we learned about what types of engineers there are. We also learned vocabulary terms such as compression, tension, gravity and stability. This week we will experiment with different types of foundations.

Classroom News

Grade 4

Mrs. Noordam

Memory Work: Psalm 24: 2-3 - There will be a fill-in-the-blank test on Thursday.

Bible: We continue learning about Solomon's last years. There will be a test on Thursday.

Math: Tests on decimals have been returned today. We begin a new unit on length, mass, and capacity.

Spelling: Thursday the lesson will be due as well as a spelling test.

Grammar: We will continue to learn about adverbs.

Science and Literacy: Our focus will be on 'light'. We will look deeper at how rainbows are created!

Music: On Tuesday Derek will share with the class his song selection.

French (Madame DeBoer): This week we continue to practice our play and manipulate the language. Please begin to practice saying your part out loud at home too!

Classroom News

Grade 5

Mrs. Raja

“We are Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.” This quote provides so much hope and grace. It almost seems impossible. I think the older I get, the more I connect with Palm Sunday and Holy Week. My need for Easter-for the Resurrection, for reconciliation, for hope this side of heaven is so great that only Jesus Christ could ever accomplish and fulfil it. What a powerful message we get to share with our students here at John Knox.

The bulk of our week will be spent focussing on two large assignments: the Eclipse video and our speeches. This can make for an arduous school day. The goal is to front-load the work and ease back if time allows. Please keep in touch if you notice your child is overwhelmed or falling behind.

We are learning about the Canadian Government, its rights and responsibilities, and the different levels of government. This is a vocabulary-heavy unit that will require more exposure to the concepts and revisiting content. There is also a teacher-read that dovetails nicely with this unit: “Dork on the Run” by Carol Gorman. It is a fictional story about a boy running for class president.

French (Madame DeBoer): We started story re-telling in partners and the goal is to write as long of stories as possible! It’s amazing to see how much language they have learned as they attempt to re-tell the story of the play in different words.

Mrs. Tetreault

Math: Our study of measurement continues. This week, we are focusing on metric conversions (247.82 km = _____ m). We are pairing our unit work with spiral review, using Canadian Daily Math and mixed operations review. Students in grade 5 are working toward mastery of their times tables. Parents are encouraged to support their child’s progress in this area at home through flashcards, songs, and apps!

Memory Work: 1 Peter 5:10 - 11 due Thursday.

Bible: This week, we will pause our study of Peter to reflect and learn about Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for our sins. We serve a risen Saviour!

Classroom News

Grade 6

Mrs. Kamel

This week will be a short week! We will start off with a field trip to London where we will spend our day at the Cronyn Observatory at Western University then enjoy a picnic and fun at the Foxfield District Park. Throughout the week, we will continue as normal, then end Thursday with a Chapel led by the grade 3 class to prepare us for Good Friday. Your children have already been mediating on the cross and the great sacrifice that God made to save us from our sins. If you do come into school at some point over the next couple weeks, be sure to visit our hallway where I will hang up some of your children's abstract art depicting Christ's isolation at the cross.

Music: Composing for Boomwhackers is due on **Wednesday**.

Literature: "Owls in the Family" final assignment is due on **Tuesday**. After this is completed, we will start on a new literature unit called "When I Consider the Heavens."

Math: We will have a math test this week Wednesday.

Spelling: This week, your children were given a new spelling list/lesson. We will work through this lesson for 2 weeks and then have a quiz on **April 5th**.

Bible: Though we are about to celebrate Good Friday, we will continue studying the resurrection in class.

Memory Work due for April 5: Matthew 28: 5-6: *The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.*

Science: By now, I'm sure your child has enthusiastically told you about our fun project on one of the bodies of the universe. This week, we will spend our time asking questions and gathering information.

Gym: This is our last week of pickleball.

Thursday Newscaster: Holly

French (Madame DeBoer): We are almost done our story retelling in partners; we celebrate 20 pages of class writing on Tuesday with games and sharing those stories. Now that we know how to re-tell a story in different words, we move on to extending the story...what happens after Paris??

Classroom News

Grade 7

Miss Hotke

Welcome to a new week! Easter is just around the corner. I encourage students to take the time this weekend to remember the real meaning of Easter and why it is celebrated.

Bible: This week we will continue looking at the life of Job. We have one more lesson left and will be having a test most likely the end of this week. Our memory work for this week is found in **Psalm 103:1-5**. We will have a quiz over these verses on **Thursday, March 28**.

Math: This week we will continue working on Chapter 7: 2D Geometry. Students will have homework each night but will also be given time during class to work on it.

Science: We will continue looking at our new unit on The Amazing Atmosphere!

Music: We will begin working on memorizing the graduation and Grandfriend's song: 'My God Is All I Need, My God Is So Big' by CityAlight. We will use some of this time to work on our Grandfriend's presentation and speeche.

Literature/Writing: We will continue our study of the novel *Lost in the Barrens* by Farley Mowat.

History: We will continue working through the unit on The Middle Ages. Students have chosen a topic for their history project and a way of presenting their findings. I will give them time in class to work on completing their project. More details to follow.

Phys. Ed: We will continue playing intramural sports for this week and this Friday we will have our last Fitness day, so remember to bring your workout clothes!! In April, we will start into another intramural sport.

Silent Reading: The students need to continue bringing books to school for silent reading time, or keep a book in their desk from library time. Some days I allow them to complete their homework instead of reading.

French (Madame DeBoer): We have a quiz on possessive adjectives and the verb *devoir* on Thursday this week; a review sheet was sent home last Thurs. We continue to practice those concepts as we also begin a small unit project (introduced this week) on *les microbes*.

Classroom News

Grade 8

Miss Hiemstra/Mrs. Koetsier

Math - We are continuing to study variables and equations.

Science - We are learning about different parts of the water cycle, including distillation, condensation and evaporation.

Bible - We began studying the Jewish calendar last week. This week, we will be continuing to look at Passover and The Feast of Weeks.

History - We are continuing to work through the Middle Ages.

Writing: We'll be getting into the nitty gritty of speech writing! This exercise is a great way to explore yet another "good work" in which we can display and honour His workmanship in us! Students were to have a topic sentence ready for today. Today we also discussed expectations and effective topics, and will begin completing a speech outline.

Geography: We've begun a new chapter on understanding factors determining quality of life in different parts of the world. We'll be reviewing our Christian cultural mandate and how that applies to this aspect of geography.

Literature: This week we'll be talking about restorative justice from a Biblical perspective, and how that might apply to the ending of the short story "Summer in a Day". Our short story unit will wrap up with a quiz on Wednesday, and we'll begin our literature "circle" based unit after the Easter break.

Grammar: Look for a quiz on punctuation to come home Wednesday.

Art: We've (almost!) completed some very cool pieces on showing movement - vortexes in both colour and black/white, and a fun chalk pastel creation of a scene depicting the aurora borealis.

French (Madame DeBoer): Grade Eight has been working on creating animal profiles for their classmates to guess the mystery animal, all using the pronoun 'on'. We continue to discover the unique characteristics of the fascinating animals God has created!

JKCS Grocery Vouchers:

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

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____ DATE: _____

NO FRILLS/SUPERSTORE/INDEPENDENT _____ x \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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FOODLAND _____ X \$50.00 _____ x \$100.00 _____ x \$250.00

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