

The Daily 5

You have heard WCS teachers and your children refer to “the Daily 5”. In case you are wondering about features and purposes of this very effective literacy tool, here are some details.

According to their website (thedailycafe.com), the Daily 5 is a “literacy framework that instills behaviors of independence, creates a classroom of highly engaged readers, writers, and learners, and provides teachers with the time and structure to meet diverse student needs.” Because it is a framework, teachers can insert curricular content for their geographic / educational region (Ontario Ministry of Education & Ontario Christian Schools) and make it work well.

Often, when we read such claims, we are sceptical. When it comes to the Daily 5 at WCS, we love it and support those claims! Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading are the five tasks that make up the Daily 5 structure.



God has gifted humans with words and language and it is wonderful to see students grow in communication skills. Teachers schedule several literacy blocks throughout the week and students work through a rotation of tasks. These are routine periods during which students read on their own, practicing old and new skills, but throughout there is focused instruction that introduces new skills and guides student practice. And there is choice! Students have personal book bins loaded with print material specifically geared to their reading level. When we host our WCS Education Week open house, or if you wish to make arrangements to come and observe, try to catch your child’s literacy block. Seeing students engaged in Daily 5 literacy work is seeing beautiful teaching and learning happen.



Tuesday

- Jacob Bakker., JK
-Ayla VandenHeuvel., JK
-Mr. Huinink., Bus Driver

Wednesday
Sunday

-Mrs. Meekel., Bus Driver
-Mackenzie Bohner., Gr. 7
-Mrs. Poort., SK Teacher

Prayer Corner: Keep praying for one another and for our families. Mrs. Schuster’s /Hoiting family is mourning the loss of her cousin, and Mr. H’s family is mourning the loss of his Opa. Please join us in praying for the Suzie & Dennis Steen family - for their daughter, Eva, who was born 7 weeks early and is in hospital with medical complications. We also give praise for healing. Mrs. Westerveld is able to return to us this week.

Transportation news:

Buses for Exam Weeks: Please note that during exam week at LDCSS, January 22-25, the p.m. bus schedule will be slightly different. This means that WCS students will board the buses immediately following dismissal at 330pm and will be home 8-10 minutes earlier (weather dependent).

Bus Drivers- Is a bus driving job a good fit for you? Our bus drivers report that bus driving is a great way to combine their love for interaction with students and colleagues, find employment that matches their children's school schedules, and experience the joy and challenge of driving! Woodstock Christian School is looking to train you if you are interested in this position. We currently have opportunity for spare drivers, but anticipate that regular positions may come available. Do you have a B license and are you looking for a way to serve the school? We are able to train and assist you in the process of becoming a licensed bus driver. If interested, call the school at 519-539-1492 or email principal@woodstockchristian.ca

Remind: Just a reminder that beginning January 28, 2019 some of our parent community may no longer receive texts. You can read more about this here: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/bell-rogers-remind-texting-1.4974660> We also received an email last week and read a portion of last week's email below as to what can be done about that:

Beginning January 28, 2019, people in your classes who normally get Remind texts will no longer receive your messages if they have wireless plans with Rogers, Bell, or their respective subsidiaries.

What can you do? To make sure people in your classes continue receiving your messages, encourage them to download the mobile app or enable email notifications. Our team's also working hard on a solution that allows your classes to continue to use Remind by text, and we'll share more details with you before January 28.

Early Dismissal Please note that MONDAY, January 28th is an early dismissal day. Our school day will finish at 1:30pm and students will board the buses at that time and be home 2 hours + 10ish minutes earlier than usual. Teachers will gather for their Professional Learning Communities sessions following student dismissal.

Senior boys basketball- Mr. Hans Strikwerda is our coach this year, with Mrs. Verbeek assisting. Boys are practicing during break times and Wednesday after-school. Parents, please pick up your sons at 5pm after practice. Next week, we will have a Tuesday after-school practice (January 29th). If you have questions, please connect with Mrs. Verbeek or Mr. Strikwerda. Please note that the Bluewater Christian Schools basketball tournament is on Friday February 15th, which is also a PD day. Please check for an email about this.

Jr. Basketball- Parents, an email was sent home regarding our tournament day next week Tuesday. I will send out a reminder later this week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Mrs. Schuster. I am still in need of chaperones (even if you can do half the day that would be great!).

Monthly Mingle- Please join us on Thursday from 9am-10am for our monthly mingle. This is a great way to get to know other members of our community. Coffee and goodies will be provided.

Poetry Meet- The Poetry Meet for grades 1-4 which is scheduled in our calendar for Friday Feb 22nd, will be held on Thursday February 28th instead. Please make the change on your calendar.

Speeches: For older students who are finalists in their grade's public speaking project, the Canadian Legion annual speech meet competition will be on Saturday March 2 at their building - 642 Dundas Street, Woodstock. Registration starts at 9am, speeches are at 9:30am in the main hall.

Registering for Grade 9 @ London Christian High: Registration is now open for the 2019-20 school year and applications are starting to come in! We're very excited about welcoming new students to our school and growing in community together! For more information, explore our website: londonchristianhigh.ca or connect with Gabriella at 519-455-4360 ext. 231 or ghoogstra@lchonline.ca to book a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

WCS Electives

Electives begin on Wednesday, February 6, and run for five weeks until March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. Elective choices will be posted on Thursday. Those in woodworking and skiing will receive forms on Thursday and they are to be returned by next Tuesday.

WCS Snow Fun Day: The WCS School Life Team will be hosting a Snow Fun Day on Wednesday January 23rd. Students will participate in a variety of outdoor games that celebrate team play and the season of winter. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress in full winter gear for that day. We will be spending time outside. Thank you from WCS School Life Team and Mrs. Racicot

Kindergarten Information Evening is on Thursday January 31 at 7:45pm. Please share this date with any friends or family that you think would be interested to learn more about Woodstock Christian School. We will have a few different speakers, a power point presentation from our JK teacher, and will end the night with a tour of the school. If you have any questions please email admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) The winter session of MAP testing begins on February 28th. If you are interested in learning more about MAP, speak to your child's teacher or check out their website. nwea.org/the-map-suite/

MS Read-A-Thon - The WCS fundraising campaign to manage and research Multiple Sclerosis is beginning! Information sheets are coming home today. Students can encourage family and friends to make online donations or they can collect cash and/or cheque pledges from sponsors for all the minutes they read. Check out the posters around the school. There will be prizes for the various levels of funds you raise! The WCS Readathon campaign runs from January 28th to February 15th. By reading and fundraising, you will be helping people who live with MS and their families. Bring your funds to your classroom teacher by February 18th. Get ready to read at school and at home - be sure to track your minutes!

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. It's great to be back and I am very thankful for those who did a great job taking over while I was out. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather. Show and share this week is a winter game or sport. Happy Birthday to Ayla and Jacob for Tuesday. May God bless you richly in the coming year. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library, Snow Fun Day
Thursday - Sub Lunch, Show and share a winter sport

JK/SK: Welcome to a cold week. Hope you had fun in the snow on the weekend. Our letters this week are v and oo. We are reviewing list 2 of our sight words. Students will be bringing home their baby Moses and baskets today. We continue to learn about Moses in Bible. We are making patterns in math. During theme time we will be doing activities to do with mittens.

Wednesday: Library Day
Thursday: Sub Day

Senior Kindergarten: Well, it is quite a cold day today. We had a reduced outdoor recess due to the cold weather. Please continue to dress for the weather. This week on Wednesday our whole school is participating in an outdoor snow activity in the afternoon, please dress warmly. If there is no snow the students will do an alternative activity. Sound books are being updated this week. We are studying penguins this week.

Monday - ou
Wednesday - oi
Library
Blue Day -wear blue, bring blue show and share
Thursday - ue
Sub Lunch

Grade 1A: Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers the past week as my family and I grieve the sudden loss of my cousin. Please keep us in your prayers this week as we prepare to say goodbye to Mark. We have begun a

new math unit, as well as Bible unit. Also, watch for a note regarding the upcoming poetry meet. Please note that my volunteer who does reading folders is away this week so there will be no reading folders this week. M.S. Read-A-Thon paper work comes home today.

Monday - See VIP Folder
Tuesday - Library
Wednesday - Snow Fun Day (Dress WARM!)
Thursday - Sub Day (not Pizza Day)
Monthly Mingle 9:00-10:00am
Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 2: Welcome another week! We will be starting our look at Healthy Eating this week – ask your child what we've been learning!! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class.

Tuesday – Phys. Ed
Wednesday – Show & Share: Nicole & Emily (on Thursday)
Snow Fun Day at WCS: dress appropriately for outdoor activities!!
Thursday – Sub Lunch
Friday – Phys. Ed
Spelling Test
Flashlight Friday

Grade 2/3: We are busy working on a small project helping us learn about the types of homes that early pioneers lived in. Grade 3 is busy reading Chocolate Fever. Don't forget to choose your poem by **Thursday** and be sure to let me know and make sure you have a copy at school so we can practice it as well.

Monday - Library
Wednesday - School life "snow day" - dress for outdoor activities
Thursday - sub lunch
Friday - Mrs. Huinink -Buiter guest teacher as Mrs. Horinga is away
Spelling test
Next Monday - early dismissal 1:30

Grade 3: This week we will be working on practicing our reading parts for the theme assembly. We will also be working on 1st draft of biographies. This is our last week for daily keyboarding practice. Map testing begins next week.

- Wednesday:** Bible test - Isaac and Jacob
- Thursday:** Math Test: Geometry
MW: 1/3 of our selected poem
- Friday:** Spelling test

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week grade 4!

- Monday-** Devotions: Tyler
Library
- Tuesday-** Devotions: Will
- Wednesday-** Devotions: William
Snow Fun Day- 2:10 to 3:30
- Thursday-** Devotions: Alieda
Sub Lunch
- Friday-** Devotions: Alissa
Spelling test
Memory work - 1st third of poem
Buddy activity
next Monday-Devotions: Anna
Early dismissal at 1:30

Grade 5: I hope you enjoyed your weekend and are feeling refreshed for a new week. This week students will be delving into our speech unit in language arts. We will start with the researching phase this week and move on to the organizing information and writing phase next week. More details, including a rubric will be sent home soon. Swimming lessons continue today; a reminder that next week Monday is an early dismissal, no swimming.

- Monday - Swimming at Southside Aquatic Centre from 2-3pm
- Tuesday - Music: bring recorder. PhysEd: bring gym clothes
- Wednesday - Math Quiz - : Jump Math pages 138-145
- Thursday - Music: bring recorder. PhysEd: bring gym clothes
- Friday - Spelling Lesson 18 and Test. Memory Work quiz: James 5:6

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week. MS Read-a-thon info is coming home today. A reminder that January's AR book is due next Thursday.

- Mon. - Electricity Meter Reading assignment due
- Tues. - Music (instrument)
Library
VIP program
- Wed. - Bible Test
Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

- School Life event (Snow Fun Day)
- Thurs.- Music (instrument)
Sub Lunch
- Fri. - Spelling Test - List 15
Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Grade 7: Students are to complete 'composers' music project for January 31st.

- Mon: BWM Matt 15:16-19
- Tues: speech writing begins
- Wed: math quiz #5.40-44, ALLER French quiz
- Fri: BMW, spelling test, Grade 7 Community Breakfast

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school!

- Monday - Bible Presentations begin
Phys. Ed.
- Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
Bible Presentations
Sub Lunch (not Pizza Lunch)
- Friday - Bible Presentations

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 24 Sub Day
Monthly Mingle 9am-10am
- 28 Map Testing Begins
Early Dismissal- 1:30pm
- 29 Jr. Basketball Tournament
- 31 Theme Chapel 8:30am
JK/SK Information Evening
- February 6 Staff Meeting 7:15am
Prayer Group 8:30am
Electives Begin
Registration Day
- 7 Sub Day
- 13 Electives Continue
- 15 Sr. Basketball Tournament
P.D. Day*
- 18 Family Day*