

INK-LINKS

Newsletter of the Woodstock Christian School, Woodstock, Ontario

February - March 2019

WALK WITH GOD

TALK WITH GOD

JAMES 4: 8

WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Faith. Learning. Community.



Students trying to meet their reading goals for the M.S. Read-A-Thon.

Upcoming Events

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| March 1..... | P.A. Day | April 15..... | Volunteer Appreciation |
| March 6..... | Prayer Group | April 16..... | Board Meeting |
| March 7..... | Report Cards | April 17..... | Prayer Group |
| March 8 - 18..... | March Break | April 18.. | Good Friday / Easter Chapel |
| March 19..... | Back at School | April 19..... | Good Friday |
| | Board Meeting | April 22..... | Easter Monday |
| March 20..... | Prayer Group | April 23..... | Bus Driver Appreciation |
| April 3..... | Prayer Group | April 24..... | Art Walk & Open House |
| April 6..... | SpringFest | April 25..... | GrandFriends Day |
| April 9..... | Battle of the Books | April 26..... | P.D. Day |



BOARD NEWS

Greetings from the WCS Board of Directors! Thank you so much for your ongoing support and prayers as we continue to meet on a monthly basis. As we enter 2019, planning is underway for the new school year. Re-enrollment forms have been sent out and our kindergarten information evening was held. Budget preparations will begin soon as well and we continue to covet your prayers through this process.

Our final fundraiser of 2018 was held on Boxing Day. Thank you to Greg Geerlinks and his committee for another successful Hockey Tournament.

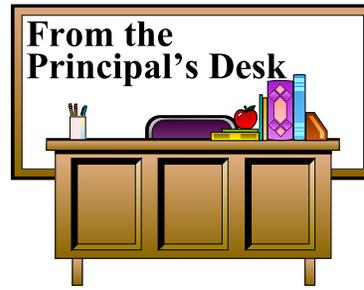
We closed off the 2018 year with the purchase of a new bus! The transportation committee spent many hours researching and finding a great deal on this bus. The board thanks you for your diligent work throughout this process.

Our new Financial Administrator, Anita VanGeest, is settling in well. Feel free to stop by on Tuesdays when she is in the office and introduce yourself. Let's make her feel like a part of our community!

As we continue through this school year and especially this winter, we ask for your prayers for safety for our bus drivers as they carry a heavy responsibility. We ask for prayers for our staff and students as well.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve and look forward to all the good things that God has planned for WCS. We are thankful to God for His continued faithfulness and many blessings. God is good!

Blessings, Michelle Sol, Board Secretary



WALKING WITH GOD: CULTIVATING A HUMBLY GRATEFUL ATTITUDE

Our school theme this year is Walk with God, Talk with God, and is proving to be a good follow-up to last year's theme, Faith in Action: Heroes for God. We've moved from learning life stories of Bible characters and how they revealed themselves as heroes of faith (or as anti-heroes), to the work of cultivating our own faith walk and prayer life. Consider what makes a hero or a character of integrity. Attitude is key in determining how they approach life. We each tell our stories based on our experiences and attitudes. Our attitudes reveal our character. They are an outward display of what's taking place in our hearts. Matthew 15:18 says, "The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart".

So, what is coming out of our mouths? How are we telling our story? How are we providing models and guiding students to tell their stories? And, how is attitude determining the story? There's a 'catchy' children's song that I recall from time to time. The song's verses present various difficult life circumstances to which a response is required (e.g., Jonah in the belly of the whale), and the chorus follows:

*Are you grumbly hateful or humbly grateful?
What's your attitude?*

*Do you grumble and groan, or let it be known
you're grateful for all God's done for you?*

Good questions! Several posters and reminders at WCS show students and adults the importance of attitude. For example, "Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?" and, "Check your attitude at the door". Much of teaching and learning is about mind-set or attitude. When students have an "I can!" or "Bring it on!" attitude, learning happens. It takes wisdom and maturity for each of us to recognize that attitude is not something that happens to us, but comes from within. Charles Swindoll writes: "I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my successes or failures, what other people think of me or say about me. Attitude keeps me going or cripples my progress.

From time to time, I hear families, staff members, visiting grandparents or sometimes those new to WCS speak about the

Reduce Your Tuition While Shopping!!!

VOUCHER PROGRAM



Ways to order:

- 1: Come into the school office.
- 2: Send the form and payment to school with your child. It will be filled and sent home in a sealed envelope.
- 3: Recurring monthly orders are sent home at the beginning of each month. Payment is taken directly from your bank account.

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Albert Renkema 519-537-9932 **Vice-Chair:** Tim Bakker 519-463-9630 **Vicar:** Cora Kroondijk 519-449-3708

Treasurer: Jennifer Bigham 519-532-8220 **Secretary:** Michelle Sol 519-539-7839

Members at Large: Julie Vandendool 519-469-8373 Andrea VanRooyen 226-377-1011 Heather DeBoer 519-842-9284

Nathan Huinink 519-424-3134 Wim Duizer 519-467-0230 Jason Smith 226-268-0064

beauty of this place - the focus on children as image-bearers of God, the wonder and complexity of creation, integrity, distinctive Christ-centred teaching, and relationship building. People speak, sometimes with tears in their eyes, about how they see God at work here at WCS. This attitude of gratitude and humility is wonderful.

So, how do we cultivate an attitude of thankfulness - a grateful heart? For Jesus-followers, however, we are not talking about just a positive attitude. We are talking about an attitude that comes from a heart focused on God and that trusts in Him. As we connect with prospective families, as we speak with one another at school or in our communities, what stories are we telling of how God is working in our lives, our children's lives? Are they stories of complaint or of thankfulness and celebration? Are we confident that God is who He says he is and that He will provide? The apostle Paul, in Ephesians 3:17-21 writes, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Know that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us". What humbly grateful stories are we telling or encouraging our children and students to tell?



WELCOME

We are taking time this year to introduce or re-introduce the staff of WCS to our larger community. We are grateful to have these talented and dedicated people on staff and to be blessed by their gifts and abilities. Janet, Bonnie and Anita, we are glad to have you on our team!



BONNIE BOHNER is a WCS parent and currently our morning EA in junior kindergarten. Bonnie grew up in a small hamlet called Brinsley (near Ailsa Craig). She attended North Middlesex District High School, Fanshawe College for ECE, and Fanshawe night school for several more certificate programs. Bonnie, her husband, Manfred and children, Malachi and Mackenzie, live on a farm near Hickson. She has worked for three child care organizations over the course of two

decades and in addition to working at WCS works with her husband as a bookkeeper/ customs data entry person for their family business. When asked, "Why work for a Christian

school?", Bonnie replied: "We transferred Malachi and Mackenzie to WCS. This has been the best educational move we made for both children- and has made a huge difference for Malachi's future. I think the teachers at the school not only teach, but get to know each child personally so they can bring the best out in them. I am working for WCS because I want to give back to other children what was given to my two. I enjoy EVERYTHING about my work! I love going in to work in the mornings and seeing the smiling faces of the children as they arrive, the enjoyment/surprise on their face when they accomplish a task, and working with a great teacher." Bonnie feels blessed being part of WCS, by the friendships both the children and she have made, the education they are receiving, and being able to support her children and other children and teachers at the school as a classroom volunteer. Outside of school, Bonnie loves to spend time with her children and tending to the animals on the farm (ducks, chickens, horses, dog, rabbit, guinea pig). We have been blessed by you as a classroom volunteer for many years! Welcome to our staff, Bonnie.

JANET SCHEELE is currently our afternoon EA in junior kindergarten. She comes to work with us following a busy morning working down the hall and around the corner at the preschool. Janet was raised on a farm in the Drayton area. She attended public elementary and high school. Following that, Janet attended Fanshawe College in London to earn her Early Childhood Education diploma. She has been working in child care ever since. Janet has been part of Wee Creations Christian Preschool as a teacher and supervisor since it began in 1990. Janet says: "I feel very connected to Woodstock Christian School and am happy to be part of the teaching staff in the role of educational assistant. I enjoy working with young children very much. I am delighted to spend my afternoons in the JK classroom, assisting the children in their learning experiences." Janet and her husband, Dan, have four children, all of whom attended WCS. Welcome, Janet! Our paths have crossed throughout the building for many years. We love having your expertise in our kindergarten program.

ANITA VANGEEST is our newest staff member and can be found in the finance office at WCS. Anita grew up in many different communities in Southern Ontario where her father served as principal of various Christian Schools. She attended Wellandport and Drayton Christian Schools and Woodland Christian High School. Anita says, "I have worked in bookkeeping for over thirty years with most of my experience being in the charity/not-for-profit sector. I believe that as a Christian parent, Christian schools are vital in assisting us in grounding our children in a knowledge that has a biblical worldview. I enjoy working alongside charities to fulfill their mission, and accounting is the way that I can help." When she is not working, Anita enjoys doing the daily crossword puzzle, embroidery, scrapbooking, and watching the Toronto Blue Jays. Welcome to our team, Anita! We hope that you soon feel part of the WCS family. May God bless you in your work.

COMMUNITY CORNER

THE MONTHLY MINGLE

We have started a new event called the Monthly Mingle. The monthly mingle gives members in our community a chance to get to know each other better and enjoy coffee and goodies. Everybody is welcome. Please bring your preschool children with you. They will have a chance to play with the parachute, balls, and other fun activities in the gym during the parents social time. Stay tuned for more information on our next monthly mingle. We look forward to seeing you!

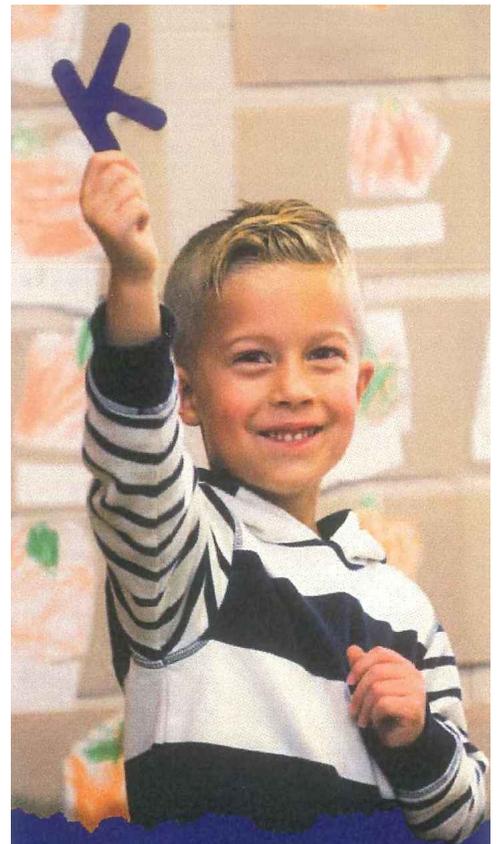
K IS FOR KINDERGARTEN

K is for Kindergarten is coming up and we welcome any child who is turning 4 in 2019 to join us. Your child will meet the teacher, take a ride on the school bus, sings songs, listen to Bible stories and interact with other children. This is a great opportunity to get your child ready for their first day of school in September and learn more about the Kindergarten program at Woodstock Christian School. This 4 week program is free and you do not need to be registered at our school to participate. Please sign up for K is for Kindergarten by emailing admissions@woodstockchristian.ca or sign up on our website www.woodstockchristian.ca.

BOXING DAY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Woodstock Christian School would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent Boxing Day Hockey Tournament! Thank you to all the hockey players and their supportive families! We thank God for a safe day, as there were no injuries at the tournament. Also a big thank you to those who coordinated the day, looking after the team schedules and details of the day. Thank you to the crew who organized and ran the concession stand, the great team of Grade 8 students who looked after the score clocks! We really appreciate your support as you served those hockey players and spectators all day long! We also thank the following generous sponsors:

Burgessville Grain and Feed - (519) 424-2147
D and J Paton Bros. - (519) 425-1604
Dairylane Systems - (519) 666-1404
DeKline Livestock - (519) 280-2697
Forster-Technik - (519) 239-9756
GJ's Farm Equipment - (519) 424-9374
Grand Valley Frotifiers - (800) 567-4400
MacIntosh Embryo Transfer - (519) 421-8341
Mackay Fuels - (519) 537-3151
Maplestone Construction - (519) 532-7541
Markvale Holsteins - (519) 423-6349
Markwood Farms (519) 537-1255
Nature Feed Center (519) 424-2450
Oxford Vet Corp - (519) 423-6706
Sol Painting and Decorating - (519) 421-7817
Steve's Automotive - (519) 421-2313
The Holstein Journal - (905) 886-4222
Veldale - (519) 537-1139
Woodstock Total Rent-all - (519) 421-2200
WRC Purifying - (519) 863-3000



K is for Kindergarten

We would like to invite you to experience our Kindergarten classroom.

Any child who is turning 4 in 2019 is welcome to join us! Meet the teacher, take a ride on the school bus, sing songs, listen to Bible stories and interact with other children. Snacks and so much more!

Tuesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. on March 26, April 2, April 9, and April 16. Registration is required. For more information, find us online at www.woodstockchristian.ca

COME ONE,
COME ALL!

Spring Fest

IN SUPPORT OF **WOODSTOCK**
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8AM - 2PM - OXFORD AUDITORIUM,
875 NELLIS ST, WOODSTOCK

FUN ZONE COMPETITIONS
BREAKFAST & LUNCH ~ MARKETPLACE
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

Schedule

8	BREAKFAST, PREPARED BY WCS STAFF
8-2	MARKETPLACE OPENS
9:30- 1:30	FUN ZONE
10:30	BAZAAR BOTTLES
11	KITCHEN OPENS FOR LUNCH
12	SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES

WEE CREATIONS
HAS INVITED SOME
OF THEIR FRIENDS
TO JOIN US





HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS YEAR:



- ➔ **DUNK TANK:**
STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DUNK SOME TEACHERS
- ➔ **ADULT RELAXATION ZONE:**
REFRESHMENTS, SHUFFLE BOARD AND CROKINOLE
- ➔ **FUN ZONE (ALL AGES):**
BOX MAZE, UNLOCK THE EXPLODING DOOR, OBSTACLE COURSE AND SPORT COMPETITIONS
- ➔ **KIDS CORNER (6 AND UNDER):**
CORN BOX, BOUNCY CASTLE AND MUCH MORE!
- ➔ **CANDY ZONE:**
SLUSHIES, POPCORN, CANDY AND TREATS



BID FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A CART FULL OF PRODUCTS FROM NO FRILLS!

YOUR FAVOURITE VENDORS WILL BE THERE INCLUDING THE FLOWER AND BAKED GOODS TABLE FROM WCS SUPPORTERS!



LET'S BE SOCIAL:
#experienceWCS

THANK YOU:

TO THE FARMING FAMILIES OF WCS WHO SPONSORED THE HALL RENTAL.

FOR AUCTION ITEMS



LOOK FOR WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL / EVENTS



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT
WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:
(519) 539-1492



The Necessity of a Will

"Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind." PROVERBS 21:51

To recognize and acknowledge God as the owner of all things is a fundamental principle of Christian stewardship. As He has given to us the use of His creation for His greater honour and glory, our needs, and the needs of our neighbours, so we will also remember this principle in our giving and sharing.

The making of a will is an important act of stewardship. Proper instructions for passing on to others our responsibilities can be a complicated task. A will is very personal document and should be designed to suit your family situation, your finances, and your religious outlook on life.

A Will means the details of your estate can be worked out quickly and easily. Without a Will, the province appoints an administrator. In addition to extra layers of bureaucratic red tape, this can also result in more of your estate going towards fees.

What Are Some Considerations When Making a Will?

A. ESTATE PLANNING

Estate planning is taking the time to think and pray about what will happen to your earthy possessions once you're no longer here to use and enjoy them. It's a planning process which incorporates responsibilities towards a surviving spouse and children as well as asset management, tax planning, insurance assessment, budgeting, wills, etc. Such a plan brings all of your finances into focus and provides goals to work toward.

Because of the significant tax implications of succession, giving to charity and other matters, CSS strongly recommends that clients consider undertaking this planning process. Of course, the CSS staff is available to provide leadership in this exercise.

B. FAMILY PROVISION:

Both partners in marriage should make a Will and the Will should begin with family. It is extremely important to make adequate provision for dependent children and your spouse in your Will, and then to consider others who are special in your life. Single persons should consider the needs of parents and friends.

Need should be a major criteria, and if there is not need, consider if an inheritance would be a blessing or a burden to the individuals chosen.

C. CARE OF CHILDREN:

Choosing the appropriate person(s) to care for your children in the event of the loss of life of both parents is one of the most important decisions you can make. It's also the reason many young parents do not have Wills in place.

The Necessity of a Will ...continued

Legally your choice may be any capable person or couple over the age of majority, preferably a couple who share your worldview and approach to parenting. As with Estate Trustee, no one is required to accept this extra responsibility, and you should discuss your wishes with your guardians to make sure they are willing to serve, before you finalize your will.

D. THE CHOICE OF ESTATE EXECUTOR/EXECUTRIX OR TRUSTEE:

Please refer to another information sheet from Christian Stewardship Services which clearly outlines the appropriate choice and the work of the executor.

E. CHARITABLE CAUSES:

Your gifts to an organization can bless many people in their daily walk of life and can continue the support you have given throughout your lifetime.

Some persons provide for their children first and then leave the rest to one or more charitable causes. Some designate charitable work for an equal share with each of their children - known as "a child called charity". Without a will, no gifts to charity can be made by your estate. A gift in a will can often lead to significant tax savings for your estate.

F. THE LEGALITY OF A WILL:

CSS strongly advises consultation with a legal representative and completion of your Will by a lawyer. In the case of contestability, this professional will stand up for your choices in a court of law.

G. TIMING:

A Will must be completed while an individual is of sound mind. That means waiting until it appears to be a necessity is not a good choice. Just thinking about creating a Will is not good enough.

The scripture says: *Whatever you hand finds to do, do it with all your heart, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working or planning or knowledge or wisdom.* (Ecclesiastes 9:10.11)

What happens if I don't have a Will?

If we take seriously that what we have is God's to begin with, then it is our responsibility to carry our stewardship commitments through to the final distribution of our blessings. Imposing government distribution rules to those blessings is not scriptural, and will completely eliminate any contribution to ministry. Your spouse and children will share in your estate according to a government imposed formula.

About Christian Stewardship Services

There is no charge or obligation connected with our services, and Christian Stewardship Services does not encourage charitable gifts for its own work. The funding for our work with individuals and families comes from annual sponsor fees paid by our member organizations. A list of these charities and non-profits is available upon request. CSS does not sell or advocate any insurance, investments or professional services and holds all information received in strict confidence. Our goal is simply to help you exercise Christian stewardship in a way that is consistent with your needs.

Remember: A Will is for the Living. Make it while you can!



Grade Two – Mrs. K. VanderPloeg

Grade Two has been investigating numbers and has been taking a closer look at ways to solve addition and subtraction word problems. We are diligently practicing our math facts using flashcards and “drill” worksheets to increase our recall of basic facts. The students are discovering that once they know one set of Math facts – the +1s, for example – it helps them learn the other facts quicker! Our challenge has been to complete 40 facts in 2 minutes. We’re getting there!

When asked where they see God in Math, the students shared these responses:

- I see God in Math when we’re happy when we are doing Math.
- I know that God created numbers.
- He gives us the strength to think about our Math questions.
- When we can do Math quickly, He is with us.
- When we’re struggling with Math, He helps us.
- God the Father is at the top of the triangle, God the Son is on the one side and God the Holy Spirit is on the other triangles are a part of Math.
- When we’re stuck on a problem, He gets our minds moving and thinking.
- When we’re happy, God is happy.
- He gives us our minds and then we can figure out what we need to know for Math.



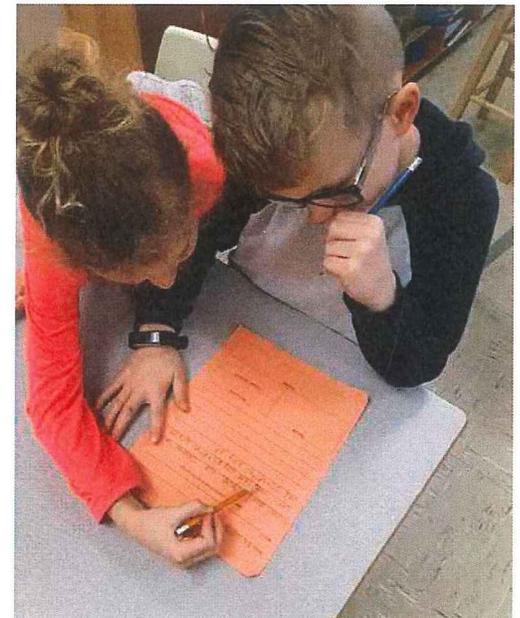
Students writing a draft of their word problem –



Using manipulatives to plan out word problem or subtraction to solve the problem.

After this conversation, I reminded the students (and myself) that God created order: $1+1$ always equals 2. It can never equal 3. What an amazing gift this is! The constant-ness of God reminds us of His power and might in our world where, at times, life can seem so uncertain.

In one of our units on Number Sense, we were given the task of creating our own word problems. Our job was to follow the instructions to write a word problem for others to solve. We were challenged to use two-digit numbers between 1 – 100. But the answer could not be greater than 150. We used Math tools around our classroom – number lines, 100s charts, connecting cubes – to help us find the answer to our word problems. We were also reminded that word problems often give “clues” about whether we need to use addition



Editing a first draft of their word problem

We worked in partners and groups to gather our ideas and share our thoughts! Enjoy solving these word problems we’ve created. *Watch out for one of our questions that involves **two** steps before you get to the answer!*

Once Claire and Cameron were in the snow. Claire had 80 snowballs. Cameron had 60 snowballs. How many snowballs did they have altogether?????? *By: Claire & Cameron*

One day Hannah and Noah Be. were at the store. Hannah had 100 crackers. Noah Be. had 47 fruit trays. How many crackers and fruit trays did they have altogether?
By: Noah Be. & Hannah

Emily has 71 balloons and Elise P. has 58 balloons. They give 20 balloons to Mrs. VanderPloeg. How many balloons do they have left? *By: Noah Ba. & Aleeya & Elise P.*

One day at Isabella's house, Peter had 52 snowballs and gave 6 to Adelyn. Then he gave 7 to Isabella. Now how many does Peter have left? *By: Isabella, Peter & Adelyn*

Once Neel, Emily, Aleeya, and Noah Ba. had 100 toy robots. They gave 77 to Mrs. VanderPloeg. How many do they have left???? *By: Emily & Neel*

One day Markus, Neel and Jocelyn were eating pies. There were 150 pies. Markus ate 15 pies. Neel ate 22 pies. Jocelyn ate 30 pies. How many pies were left over? *By: Jocelyn & Markus*

Callan and Nicole have 29 wolves, 37 bears, 58 birds and 17 dinosaurs. How many animals do they have altogether??????
By: Callan & Nicole

At school on Wednesday, Mrs. VanderPloeg gave Lydia 20 markers and she gave 16 to Ellyse. How many markers were there altogether? *By: Lydia & Ellyse M.*



Solving their word problem to find the correct answer



GRADE 3 - MR. G. HIEMSTRA

Students in grade 3's have been learning about the parts of a paragraph such as a topic sentence, the middle sentences that contain the details, and a concluding sentence that relates back to the topic sentence. Grade three's have had various writing topics including about Christmas Break and our school theme. Here are some of those paragraphs:



Talking with God is important to me. You can tell God what's on our mind. You can tell God your thoughts. God wants us to talk to him. God wants to have a relationship with us. These are reasons why talking to God is important. (By Jasmine)

Talking with God is important to me. He is important to us. You can tell him about your day. God wants us to talk to him. Talking with God is important to me. (By Luke)

Talking with God is important to me. It is important because he wants to hear what you are thinking. You can tell him about your day. God wants you to talk with him. Talking with God is important to me. (By Kyle)

Talking with God is important to me. It is important to me because you can have a relationship with God. You can tell him how you feel. God wants us to talk to him. Talking with God is important to me. (By Lydia)

My Christmas break was great! I went skating. I ate lots of good food. I got presents. My Christmas break was great. (By Sunwoo)

Talking with God is important to me. These are reasons why. When you talk with God you can tell him what's on your mind. He is a trusted friend that you can talk to. You also have a relationship with him. When you talk with God he actually wants you to talk to him. He loves you! These are reasons talking with God is important to me. (By Annelies)

There are many examples of walking with God. Walking with God means following God. Walking with God means having a relationship with God. Walking with God means to respect others. These are examples of walking with God. (By Wendy)

There are many examples of walking with God. Walking with God means you have a relationship with God. It means you love God. Walking with God means you should care for others. These are some ways to walk with God. (By Kathryn)



Jason has created a mosaic of a giraffe, one of his favourite animals. God has created it with a long neck. Its long neck is reaching for food in a tree.

There are many examples of walking with God. You can follow God by treating others the way you want to be treated. You can follow God by obeying the ten commandments. You can follow God by respecting the fruit of the Spirit. You can follow God in his ways. These are the ways we can walk with God. (By Hailey)

There are many examples of walking with God, talking with God. It means to follow him. It also means to pray with him. It means to know that he is with you. It means to have a relationship with him. There are many examples of walking with God, talking with God. (By Landon)

There are many examples of walking with God. We can do what God says in the Bible. We can pray with him. We do not have to listen to people that say bad things. There are many examples of walking with God. (By Kurtis)

My Christmas break was great. My sister had a birthday. We went to the Flying Squirrel. We went bowling for my opa's birthday. We had a New Year's party and we went out for supper. My Christmas break was great. (By Felicia)

My Christmas break was great. I got to go to a restaurant. I went to a friend's house. My oma and opa came to my house and then I got to go to my grandma and grandpa's house. My Christmas break was great. (By Lucas)

My Christmas break was great. I got to spend time with my cousins. I got to start gymnastics. I went to a friend's house. My Christmas break was great. (By Anna)

My Christmas break was great. I had no school for two weeks. I went to a friend's house. A couple days later another friend came over. I had a great Christmas. (By Levi)

My Christmas break was great. I went sledding. I spent time with my family. I went swimming. These are the reasons why my Christmas break was great. (By Cole)

My Christmas break was great. I love Christmas break because I get lots and lots of family time and I had no school. It was so awesome! It was Jesus' birthday and that is fun when it is your birthday! I got a new cousin. He was born on December 25th, on Christmas. His name is Ezra. Christmas break was great. (By Aron)

My Christmas break was great! I went to church for Christmas. We open presents on Christmas night. I went to a friend's house. My Christmas break was great. (By Kaitlyn)

My Christmas break was not great. My sister was sick. I had a bad cold. I did not get to see my cousins that much. My Christmas break was not great. (By Natalie)

My Christmas break was great. I went bowling on Christmas. I got presents. I got to play with my new toys. My Christmas break was great. (By John)

We went on vacation on Christmas break. I loved doing whatever we want. It was fun. It was the best when we went on vacation. We went ziplining. The zipline was a mile long. Christmas break was fun. (By Tenley)

K. POORT - SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Senior Kindergarten has been learning about the body God created for each them. We have talked about how they were created in God's image and carefully knit into place. Psalm 139: 13-14 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." After looking at how God created us we have spend time talking about the five senses God has given us to explore this world; sight, taste, touch, smell and hearing. Finally we have spend time practicing drawing bodies and remembering all the features (such as eyes, ears, mouth, nose and fingers) that we have learned about. Here are self portraits the students have drawn of themselves.



