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Reading the Word of God is a practice we as Christians try to do faithfully. At times this may be difficult, especially when our lives are so busy. A common excuse is "Not enough time." As we are in lockdown there should be more opportunities to spend reading God's word. There is an acronym PRESS that I came across that helps me to focus.

Prayer - Before going to God's word, we should always pray. What do you pray for? Anything really. Sing his praises, ask for wisdom on how to analyze the passage you are about to read.

Read - Read through the scripture at least twice. Highlight any words or phrases that stand out to you. Journal about any questions or emotions you have as you read this passage.

Examine - Think about the following questions. "What do I need to know about God, myself and others?" "What do I need to change in my thoughts, attitudes, or actions?" What do I need to do in obedience to God's leading?"

Summarize - Write down the main points or summarize what God is saying to you.

Share - Who would benefit from hearing your thoughts? Maybe a Christian brother or sister needs to be encouraged. Maybe a neighbour or coworker would benefit from hearing.

Pretty simple, right? Simple yet powerful. I hope this Bible study method provides you with some tools to help you study God's word.

Mrs. J. Hickey



Monday Dominic C., SK

Friday Mrs. VanLeeuwen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

WCS Remote Learning 2021 - Thank you, parents and students for your good work with last week's learning at home! Our system of packet exchange is working well with 100% family participation. Way to go! Packet pickup hours are 8am-5pm Mondays. If at any time you need to make alternate arrangements for the exchange, please let us know. We are flexible! A couple of reminders for students:

- Come to class on time. We are required to take attendance and are expecting you in our classrooms at all scheduled times, unless your parents have communicated a change of plans with your teacher and the office
- Work that you hand in should be yours and show what you are learning
- Complete your assignments and submit those, either in your packet or digitally, as instructed by your teacher. We need to see what you are working on and how you are doing, in able to support and stretch your learning, to complete assessments, and prepare for report cards.
- Keep your camera on during instruction time, unless your teacher has said otherwise. Research shows that students who have cameras on are more engaged and are learning more.
- Keep up the good work! So thankful for the technology we are able to use.

We will continue with early dismissal each Friday and pick-up/exchange days on Mondays. Our staff continues to meet to discuss learning and any adjustments we may need to make to content or schedules. Thanks for your support. We continue to pray for our students and families at home.

Prayer Corner - We praise a good God who provides for us every day in so many ways. We thank God for his overflowing blessings and love. We know our God is a God of healing and comfort. May God comfort and strengthen those who are dealing with grief, health challenges, and uncertainty.

Re-enrolment @ WCS - Last week in your packets, you received the WCS Re-enrolment Commitment Form. Please complete and return this form as soon as possible and before January 31st. Our Board of Directors and school administration are beginning planning and preparation for the 2021-2022 school year and would appreciate your information in order to make those plans. Please pray for wisdom during this planning process.

WCS School Life Origami - This week, the WCS School Life team will teach "Origami" to the students of WCS. Each grade will receive a virtual lesson with 2 School Life team members. Students will be taught the art of paper folding elephants, rabbits, frogs, and more! We are looking forward to this activity that provides a hands-on, minds-on learning experience. Thank you, WCS School Life Leadership Team.

Theme Chapel - Postponed until a later date

From the Terry Fox organization - Just wanted to share this since all of you need to hear this very positive message to WCS for their continued support for this community agency:

We wanted to take a moment to give Woodstock Christian School a very special shout-out! This past year your school raised an incredible \$5295 for cancer research. We are so impressed that your school was able to raise more funds than in 2019 despite this being a very challenging year. Terry Fox once said, "anything is possible if you try." Woodstock Christian School certainly tried like Terry this year and we couldn't be more proud of your community's incredible efforts!

Thanks again and Take Care, Ontario Schools Department, Terry Fox Organization

From the Ontario Ministry of Education: Supports for Students and Families

Financial support is available for families during this temporary remote learning period through the Support for Learners program. Starting on January 11, 2021, an expanded Support for Learners program is providing:

- \$200 for each child/youth up to grade 12, and;
- \$250 for each child/youth up to age 21 with special needs.

Applications will be open until February 8, 2021. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners> for more details.

MAP testing - Our winter round of MAP testing is scheduled to begin today. Due to our remote learning situation, WCS has decided to postpone and to administer the MAP when we return to in-person instruction.

From the Library - Thank-you to many of you who are reserving books on Web OPAC! All of the participating students' names were put in a draw. Congratulations to the following students whose names were chosen in the draw! Each of you has won a book. (See personal email for the details.)

Jonathan Perea Melendez
Lark Barber
William Kroondijk

Some of you are perhaps thinking, can reservations be made just for the pick up day on Monday? Actually you can do it anytime! Also, if you are having trouble logging in, you can email me anytime, even though I am not here at the school every day. I want to help!

Have you checked the New Book section? Lots of new good reading materials there as well. I can find a way to get books to your door. Just ask!

We will run the contest again in two weeks time.

Student Support: I pray you are settling into a groove at home with remote learning. New blue coloured literacy learning packets are available for students in grades 1-3. Please continue to help your child stay organized by keeping all their Learning Place materials in their pocket folder. Check out the SeeSaw videos sent home recently to find out which materials can be removed from the folders. A new learning packet is also available for the grade 5 math group. In it, you will find a new quiz and their returned assignments and final assessment grade for the geometry unit. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need to discuss ways to help support your child with at-home learning. Blessings on your week!

Friday - Gr. 1 spelling test

JK: Welcome to a new week! Thanks for all your work last week. Thanks also for all the feedback. Watch for an email coming home later today. Have a great week.

Tuesday - Grade 7 teaches us origami.

Wednesday - regular zooms

Friday - Field Trip Friday

SK: Welcome to a new week of online fun and learning. As I was typing this, the following Bible verse came to me; Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5. We are in a time where things don't always make sense and there can be a lot of confusion. We cannot lean on our own understanding but put our trust back in the Lord, and as the Bible says, with **all** our heart. I pray this verse brings peace to your spirit today as it did mine.

What's happening in SK?

Letters - z, w

Sight words - we, you

Theme - Mittens

Math - Shapes

Bible - Unit 5-Moses

Monday - Happy Birthday Dominic

Wednesday - Whole school devotions

Friday - Early dismissal

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a brand new week of learning! This week I will be switching up our schedule yet again. I will send home an updated schedule via Seesaw, please keep in mind that things may continue to change slightly. Thank you for continuing to help your child submit the daily work on Seesaw. There are some who are beginning to forget so please be sure to check in with your child to make sure they are remembering to post the work from today.

Tuesday – Outdoor Gym 2:35(ish)

Thursday – Outdoor Gym 2:35(ish)

Friday – Spelling Test Week 13

- STEAM challenge 11:45-1:00

Next Monday – Memory Work Due (Psalm 100)

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome to week #4 of Remote Learning. Keep encouraging your child to do their best and put their best work forward. An e-mail was sent out on Sunday with details of our week.

Monday - package pick up

Tuesday - Gym

Thursday - Student Life Origami lesson

- Gym

Friday - Spelling test

- Early dismissal 1:05

Grade 3: This week we will continue our multiplication unit for math, and continue our novel study of Sarah, Plain, and Tall. We will be beginning some math drills in our packet this week. Tomorrow we will be led by grade 7 students on paper folding (origami) which is scheduled for the end of the day. Our spelling test is on Friday.

Friday - Spelling Test: Unit 17 words

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. Remember to put marked reading sheets back into your reading folder each Monday. We will continue working on the Canada project this week. We have started a new unit on graphing for Math. The novel study will be completed by the end of the week. A reminder to everyone that any tests being done at home need to be done without help. Find something to show and share on google meet this Thursday.

Wednesday - School Life activity - Origami
- Art

Thursday - Show and Share at morning meeting

Friday - Spelling Test - lesson 17 (Send in results)

Grade 5: Welcome back to a new week! A "regular" week of school ahead of us. Students have been attending well, working hard and showing engagement. Just a reminder for students to take pictures of their work each night. Have a great week!

Friday - French with Mrs. Pasma- Quiz - mots d'hiver

Next Tuesday - French - recording of Psalms 23 due (2 verses)

Grade 5/6: Welcome to the last week of school in January. On Tuesday, the School Life Team will be leading us in a student life activity. Keep on doing your best grade 6 and 5's. "We are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Remember to check out library books every week on the school website. Keep reading every day!

Tuesday - Math quiz grade 6

Student life activity

French with Mrs. Pasma

Wednesday - Music with Mrs. Martin

Gym

Thursday - Social studies - Trash article is due

Art - painting

French with Mrs. Pasma

Music with Mrs. Martin

Friday - Spelling test - lesson 16

Memory work - 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

French with Mrs. Pasma- Quiz - mots d'hiver

School is done at 1:05.

Next Tuesday - French - recording of Psalms 23 due (2 verses)

Grade 7: The students are managing their online responsibilities very well. This week they will be teaching origami to WCS students as a 'School Life' activity. Students have an ecology test on Tuesday. Our new unit of study is "Form and Function: A Study of Structures. This unit is a favourite! We have finished reading *Bifocal*. Students are completing an 'end of unit' project on the novel. Students have a math test on Thursday. For a more detailed look at the week see the posting in the Google Classroom.

Next Tuesday - French - recording of Psalms 23 due (2 verses)

Grade 8: Grade 8 - Welcome to a new week of Remote Learning. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Grade 8 students. They are working hard and are staying positive. Students are expected to keep pace with their learning using Google Classroom. Here is a brief summary of our week:

Monday - Exchange Day, Phys. Ed., Music

Tuesday - French, Art

Wednesday - Phys. Ed., Math Review

Thursday - Music, French, Math Review

Friday - French, Phys. Ed., Math Test, Early Dismissal

Next Tuesday - French - recording of Psalms 23 due (2 verses)

Upcoming Events

January

27 Whole School Devotions

29 Postponed: Theme Chapel hosted by Grade 1/2A

February

3 Staff Meeting 730am

Whole School Devotions

9 Board Retreat

10 Whole School Devotions

12 PD Day (no classes)

15 Family Day (no classes)

16 Board of Directors Meeting

17 Whole School Devotions

18 Kindergarten Information Evening