

The Cornerstone Contact

May 12, 2025



~~ From The Office ~~

Welcome to a new week.

Congratulations to Hadley L, Ally K, Ally D, Evan B, Shantel H & Jordan D who professed their faith yesterday. May you always keep your promise you made and look to the Lord for guidance, He will provide all you need.

Our condolences go out to the Johnson family with the passing of their mother-in-law and grandma. May the Lord grant your family comfort and peace during this time.

Sports Day:

An email went out last week looking for volunteers for Sports Day. We have had a great response but could use a few more. Can you help? Please let Kari know.
admin@cornerstoneschool.us

Volleyball Jerseys: There are some teams that have finished up their volleyball seasons, and others that will finish up here this week or hopefully next week Tuesday after the finals :) . We kindly ask that you wash and return your jerseys (in a bag with your name on it) to the front desk as soon as possible. We only have a few weeks left before everyone leaves for end of year trips etc so would like to have these all returned before that happens. Thank you!



Nehemiah 8:10

"The joy of the Lord is your strength"

Happening this week:

Thurs: Volunteer Tea

Birthday Greetings:

Today: Mikayla K
Tues: Everly B
Wed: Mrs. Stevens
Fri: Mrs. Lodder
Sat: Peyton V



Freshman Student TTC Driving

Tuesday:

Drop Off From CCS to TTC (10:10am):

Karen M & Michelle V

Pick Up From TTC to CCS (12:00 pm):

Karen M & Bea S

Thursday:

Drop Off From CCS to TTC (10:10am):

Melanie K & Bea S

Pick Up From TTC to CCS (12:00 pm):

Melanie K & Jada T



Volunteer Social

May 15, 2024 1:30pm

Invites have gone out by email.

Please RSVP ASAP

We hope to see you on Thursday!

Sports Day Hot Lunch

We are looking forward to Sports Day on Friday May 23 2025. We will be serving a lunch of fried chicken, rolls, chips, fresh fruit, a drink and a treat at the end of the day. We would like to welcome all extended family and friends to join us for lunch. Please fill in the attached order form for all members in your family who hope to attend the day's lunch whether young or old.

Please return your completed order form to the school by Monday May 19. The cost for lunch will be \$6.00 per person.

*** Please have your child(ren) bring along a labeled water bottle for the day.

Questions? Jocelyn VanSabben, Amanda Cano, Janice DeMooy, Jada Tjoelker or Yang Zhu

General News:

Upcoming Dates:

May 23 - Sports Day
May 26 - Memorial Day
May 27 - Sports Day Backup
May 30 - Eighth Grade Graduation
June 6 - Last Day of School
June 6 - Senior Graduation

From the Cleaning Ladies:

Bea Kleyn / Kelli Kobes

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Cleaning Schedule:

This Week: May 12 - May 16

Janice DM, Evelien K, Kaylene H, Lynzi S

Next Week: May 19 - May 23

Krystal B, Liana F, Jolene Vr, Melanie K

Memory Work: Grade 1: Hy. 8 & Grade 2: Ps. 30:1

Next Week: Grade 1 & 2: BT—Revelations 21:6a

1st & 2nd G R A D E

~~ From Mrs. Kruyswijk ~~

Hello! This week we'll have a book giveaway of many loved books. Each kid will go home with a couple of books to keep as their own. These books might have my name or my maiden name in them; either way, what they select is theirs for keeps.

And we have plans for a field trip!

*TRIVAN TRUCK BODY & BERTHUSEN PARK

DATE: May 28

TIME: Depart from school at 9 AM

Be there at 9:30

Be at Berthusen around 11:15

We'll be at school shortly after noon.

*Please, no younger siblings at Tri-Van, thank you!

**No open shoe shoes at Tri-Van, thank you!

We are asking for volunteers for drivers. If you are willing to drive (according to policy 4.1 in the handbook), please text me at 616-706-1476 and tell me how many students you can safely transport for ages 6-8. Thank you so much!

BIBLE

Pentecost - Acts 1-2

Lame Man - Acts 3&4

Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5

Stephen - Acts 5-7

MATH 1 - We'll take the AIMS Web standardized test this Thursday morning. Math focus this week: dimes, nickels, and pennies, difference of one (9-8, 6-5, 10-9, etc.), polygons, review of 3+5, 3+6, 4+7, and 5+7, and our scroll goal is #500 by Thursday

MATH 2 - Multiplication by 3s, review all subtraction facts, perpendicular lines, arrays with multiplication facts

MUSIC: harp, harpist, tension, sharp, wire, gut, nylon, pluck, glissando, flat, octave, vibration, strings, thumbs up, wrist down, elbows out, pivot from the elbow

ART: technique called batik with crayons and washable black marker



~~ From Mrs. Kooiker ~~

Thank you for the special coffee and lunch for Teacher's Appreciation week. I hope all the moms had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the "All About My Mom" pages that we made for you.

Last week we finished "Runaway Ralph" and now I'm reading the first book in the Boxcar Children series to 2nd grade. We are finished with our VoWac phonics lessons and will be wrapping up with a test this week and then a popcorn and literacy games party on Friday! First graders are looking forward to a popcorn party when we finish our VoWac lessons as well. We are getting close!

1st Grade:

VoWac Phonics: Lessons 134-137 (syllabication and syllable type review)

Spelling: does, couch, mouth, pout, their, ouch, mouse, trout, grouch, south, ground, blouse

Stories: "Animal Homes"

Vocabulary: compound words

Grammar: complex sentences

Writing: informative

2nd Grade:

VoWac Phonics: end of unit assessment

Spelling: father, scratches, singer, people, swelling, peaches, school, toys, pointing, chewing, front, pitches, stretcher, hauling, again

Stories: "Brave as a Mountain Lion"

Vocab: reservation, dread, qualified, gymnasium, swirling

Grammar: Run on sentences

Writing: instructional writing

Memory Work: **Grade 3: Ps. 47:3 & Grade 2: Hy.67:7**
Next Week: Grade 3 & 4: BT–Revelations 21:6

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~~ From Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Klos, Mrs. Kleyn ~~

It's going to be a week with a few assessments. Both Bible and History are coming to the end of units. Review will be done with the students in class, but it is also very helpful if you could go over the material on the review sheets with your child. A paper copy will be sent home with the students, but look for the digital version in an email, as well.

There will be some Aimsweb testing this week, as well. Third grade will have Language testing on Wednesday, and Math testing on Friday. Fourth grade will have Language testing on Tuesday.

We are excited that our field trip is coming up. The plant unit in Science class ties in nicely with our plans to visit Smith Gardens. The afternoon plans to visit Hovander will also have a strong focus on plants, with a strong dose of fun and exploration added to the mix.

Bible(3/4):

Mon: Ezra reads the law; the people confess Ezra 10, Neh 9,10

Tues: Nehemiah's final reforms Nehemiah 13

Wed: review

Thurs: test

Fri: Church History: Refresh CH themes and subthemes

Math(3):

Mon: Written assessment: locate information on a map

Tues: Show addition, subtraction, and multiplication on a number line

Wed: Identify units of measure for long distance, using a scale

Thurs: Add positive and negative numbers

Fri: Aimsweb

Language Arts (3):

VoWac: Prefixes -un and -ness

Spelling: Words with prefixes re and be Reading: Leah's Pony, Cows in the Parlor

Writing: Procedural Writing / Writing a Recipe/Re-write a Fairy Tale.

Grammar: Point of view

Science (3/4): What plants need? Review

History: Friday we will have our final written test in history!! Please be watching for study sheets which will come on Wednesday.

PE (3/4): Tuesday and Thursday: Sports Day preparation

~~ From Mrs. Stevens ~~

This is it! Our last novel study of the year. Today we'll read the first chapter of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C. S. Lewis. We also begin our last Creative Response to Reading book assignment.

Reading: "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" Chapters 1-6

Vocabulary: We'll be learning a lot of new vocabulary as we read each chapter so I will no longer be listing the vocabulary words for each week.

Grammar: Sentence pattern: S-Vt-IO-DO

POS (Part of Speech): Prepositions

Writing: Questionnaire

Spelling: ea / ě / bread, meadow

Homework: Please encourage your student to read their chosen book for the Creative Response to Reading.



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Grade 3/4 continued

~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L116:1-15	L116:16-30	L117:1-15	L117:16-30	Test 22: L106-110

Math 4

We're seeing encouraging progress. For some, math facts are starting to stick, but regular practice at home—especially with times tables—remains essential. Thanks for your continued support!

Grade 3/4 Geography

We've learned a lot about the 13 Colonies—and honestly, our teacher may have learned the most! Exploring the roots of the land of the brave and the free was genuinely fun. Our discussion on religious freedom gave great context for why the Constitution is written the way it is. This Wednesday, students will be tested on their knowledge of the 13 Colonies. At a minimum, they should be able to name each colony and identify whether it belongs to the New England, Middle, or Southern region. Each student has 3 study sheets. (See the email that I sent out this past Wednesday)

~~ From Mrs. Kottelenberg ~~

Music 3/4

- * Recorder playing quiz (p. 5 - Breezes Blowing): 8 students need to be tested yet.
- * Recorder review: p. 1 - 5
- * Recorder challenge: p. 6 - 8

Parents, please remind students to:

- (1) practice 30 minutes each week (musical prizes for reaching weekly goal!)
- (2) pack their red recorder folder in their backpack on Monday night so they have it for music class on Tuesday.

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Memory Work: Grade 5: Ps. 44:2 & Grade 6: Ps.145:1

Next Week: Grade 5 & 6: BT–Revelations 21:6

~~ From Mrs. Kooiman ~~

Congratulations to Vienna, Charlotte, Jenell, Lucas, and Rylea who all competed in the school speech competition last week Thursday. They represented our class well, along with all the hard work that everyone put into these speeches. Rylea ended up placing first, and Jenell was second, so special congratulations to those two girls!

This week we will be taking our final Language Arts Aimsweb assessments for the year. Also, please encourage your students to keep reading for 20 minutes each night, as well as working hard on spelling and Bible memory.

Have a great week!

Bible: start unit on Judges and Ruth

Language Arts

- **Reading:** The Twenty-One Balloons - types of conflict, theme

- **Writing:** Aimsweb

- **Spelling:** Packet due before the test on Friday

- **Grammar:** Prepositions

Science: Nutrition - water, vitamins and minerals

History: Martin Luther King Jr.

Geography: Climate zones

Devotions:

- Monday: James

- Tuesday: Morgan

- Wednesday: Desi

- Thursday: Jeremy

- Friday: David

- Next Monday: Vienna

Current Events: James and Morgan



~~ From Mrs. Bareman & Mrs. Sterk ~~

5th/6th Grade Math

This week we plan to complete Investigation 11 as well as Lesson 111 through 114.

~~ From Mrs. Kottelenberg~~

Music 5/6

* Students will be playing alto recorder until the end of the term. Please see the letter that was sent home last week with more information.

Homework:

* Scale page (blue) - do all the scales on page 1 and all on page 2 (except #5, 6).

* Review favorite songs from p. 1 - 35 to get familiar with the larger alto instrument.

* Students should do shorter practice sessions for the first weeks so they don't strain their hands/fingers stretching to the farther-apart tone holes.

Absent email: absent@cornerstoneschool.us

CCS is Pistachio & Cashew Aware!

Memory Work: Grade 7: Ps.114:1 Grade 8: Ps.123:2

Next Week: Grade 7 & 8: BT—Matthew 5:14-16

~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Speech Competition Success

All the hard work that went into preparing speeches truly paid off. Congratulations to everyone who made it to the contest—especially to Rylea, Jenell, and Taleesha for placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively. Let's keep the momentum going and start thinking ahead to next year's topics!

Graduation Is Coming!

Can you believe the date *May 30 is already on the calendar? That's our 8th grade graduation—just around the corner! It's hard to believe the end of the year is in sight. Between May 16 and 30, we'll have Sports Day, so there won't be a Bible discussion during that week.*

Final English Unit: Essay Writing

We've kicked off our last English unit—essay writing. I reminded the class that “work is fun” and “we get to do this,” echoing some of the helpful teaching strategies from our recent Teacher's Conference. This unit is not only a strong finish to the year after speeches, but also a valuable bridge to high school writing. Our goal is to send students forward with a solid foundation their future teachers can build on.

NEWS FLASH: 8th grade grad pictures are this coming Thursday!

Here's the list for this week:

Friday

- Spelling unit 28
- Memory Verse
- This week: Matthew 5:14-16
- Next week: Ps 94:1 (7) 126:1 (8)
- See below for Bible discussion essays and leading

Everyday:

- Math corrections and completion of lesson work
- Spelling and dictation assignment work.



Friday Bible Discussions:

Date	Topic	Essay	Leader
16th May	Acts 6 The exalted Christ calls the old covenant people once more		
	Verses 1-15	Peyton	Taleesha
30th May	Acts 7: The old covenant people once more reject Christ		
	Verses 1-25	Sawyer	Cassie
	Verses 26-50	Chase	
	Verses 51-60	Jake	

7/8 Mathematics:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L117:1-15	L117:16-30	L118:1-15	118:16-30	Test 22:L106-110

Devotions this week:

Mon: Elijah, **Tues:** Chase, **Wed:** Jake, **Thurs:** Justin, **Fri:** Kaylyn

Devotions next week:

Mon: Lucy, **Tues:** Josiah, **Wed:** Emma, **Thurs:** Lily, **Fri:** Cassie

Point to ponder: “Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he'll eat forever”— Chinese Proverb

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