

The Cornerstone Contact

December 2, 2024



~~ From The Office ~~

Welcome to a new week.

Phew, after a short, but busy week last week we can settle in for the last weeks of 2024 with a few full weeks of school. A big thank you to the staff organizers of reading month. There were many different activities to celebrate the joy and importance of reading.

Tonight & Wednesday evening are parent teacher conferences for our elementary students. Please remember to respect the bells so things can be kept on time for everyone. We look forward to meeting with you! Please check out the lost and found while you are at parent teacher interviews this week to see if anything belongs to your family!

It's cold outside - please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for outside recess. There are still some shorts being worn and that will not be permitted to be used as an excuse to stay inside for their recess time.



Colossians 3: 15-17

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

Happening this week:

Mon: Elem P/T Conferences
Wed: Elem P/T Conferences

Birthday Greetings:

Tues: Allison D
Tues: Annemarie J
Tues: Skarlett K
Thurs: Elias K
Fri: Emme F



Freshman Student TTC Driving Schedule

Tuesday:

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

Karen M & Janice Dy

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

Karen M & Debbie J

Thursday:

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

Leshia K & Melanie K

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

Leshia K & Melanie K

Sophomore Student TTC Driving Schedule

Thursday:

Drop Off From CCS TO TTC (8:00am):

Sharon V

Pick Up From TTC TO CCS (10:00am):

Sharon V

Friday:

Drop Off From CCS TO TTC (8:00am):

Jolene V

Pick Up From TTC TO CCS (10:00am):

Jolene V

Dress Up Day ~ Thursday

Basketball season is kicking off, wear your Cornerstone colors & merch to support our school teams on Thursday (Dec 5).

*Go Crazy with
School Spirit!*



we've got spirit!



Wishing all of our teams
a great season!

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~~ From Mrs. Kruyswijk ~~

The heat is on inside and it's 28 degrees F outside as I write this. So it's time to send warm mittens and things! Or in a pinch, a little blanket that fits in a backpack. We are going to bundle up and yes, play outside for recess.

Thank you in advance for coming to conferences this week. I'm so very grateful for your parental support!

Please, if possible, send a stuffed animal this Wednesday. We'll use them for art inspiration!. Little or small, size doesn't matter.

M - Assembly and Review (Money in Fish's Mouth and Peter's Confession and Bible Memory practice.)

T - Jesus' Visit to Mary and Martha and the Man Born Blind - Luke 9

W - Lazarus - John 11

Th - Singing with grades 3&4!

MATH 1: Plus 2 facts. Counting by 2s, Counting by 10s starting at any single digit number, for example 3, 1, 23, 33, 43, 53, 63, 73, 83, 93, Facts that equal 7, 8, and 9

MATH 2: Sums that equal 13 and 14, lines of symmetry, adding 2 digit numbers, using feet in measurement

~~ From Mrs. Kooiker ~~

First and second grade students did an excellent job recording their reading on book ends for reading month. We even had to make more bookshelves to fill up in our classroom! As term one is complete, we can look back and can see the progress we are making in our reading and writing. Thank you for continuing to listen to your child read the books that come home in their book bags and for practicing their spelling words!

1st Grade:

VoWac: Lessons 55-56, end of unit assessment (short u & a with nk, ng, initial blends bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl)

Spelling A: catch, ring, puff, fetch, thud, sink, pitch, lung, notch, bank, some, do

Stories: "Snow is Good," "Plane Trip"

Grammar: verbs, adjectives

Vocab: place/location words

Writing: Christmas poems, write a complete ending

2nd Grade:

VoWac: Lessons 178-181 (soft g /j/)

Spelling: thirteen, eagle, was, bottle, always, buckle, where, teacher, pickle, there, surprise, gone, Thursday, sparkle, servant

Stories: "Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride," "I See Animals Hiding," "They Thought They Saw Him"

Vocab: vocab words from "Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride," base word families

Grammar: adverbs, linking and helping verbs, prefixes & suffixes

Writing: Acrostic poems, beginning, middle and end

The Grade 1/2
Classrooms are a
NO Pistachios
and NO Cashews
Zone!



Memory Work: **Grade 3:** Hy. 66:1 **Grade 4:** Hy.77:1

Next Week: **Grade 3:** Ps.142:1 **Grade 4:** Ps.91:1

~~ From Mrs. Groves ~~

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! This week we will have a science test on Wednesday and a history test on Friday. Review sheets will be sent home two days before each test. I look forward to seeing you all tonight or Wednesday night for conferences!

Bible (¾):

Mon: the golden calves

Tues: Jeroboam is warned by the man of God

Wed: Nahab, Baasha, Elah, and Zimri

Thurs: Omri and Ahab

Fri: Elijah and the drought

Math(¾):

Mon: add two digit numbers using the addition algorithm, use estimation to verify the reasonableness of answers

Tues: draw and measure line segments to the nearest half inch

Wed: multiplication facts of x7, fact assessment of subtract from 10

Thurs: written assessment, locate and name points on a number line with a scale of 10, estimate capacity, draw a bar graph using a scale of 10

Fri: multiplying by 7 and review

Language Arts (¾):

Spelling: r-controlled syllables

Reading: Two Days in May

Writing: concrete poems

Handwriting: pg. 75-78

Grammar: adjectives and verbs

Science (¾): light (test on Wednesday)

Geography (¾): Geography of Greece and Rome

History (¾): The Olympics (test on Friday)

PE (¾): Tuesday and Thursday



~~ From Mrs. Stevens ~~

Grade 4 Language Arts

I hope you all had a blessed time of thanking God for His abundant blessings to us. As we begin this week we have the pleasure of participating in Parent/Teacher Conferences. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your student's progress so far this year.

Reading: Salt

Vocabulary: uncharted, merchandise, port, native and procession

Grammar: Sentence pattern: S-Vi

POS (Part of Speech): interjections

Writing: Thank you notes

Spelling: Suffixes: dropping the silent 'e'

Homework: Our new spelling program seems to be working well so we will continue with no spelling homework. With this burden relieved, it should give your student extra time to read. Please complete the Reading Log and return it next Monday.

~~ From Mr. Houweling - Grade 4 Math ~~

We've made a start on learning the multiplication and division facts. It's great to see the level of understanding and development. I encouraged students to find a multiplication poster to hang in their bedroom or bathroom; I hope you don't mind :)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Have a blessed week.

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Memory Work: **Grade 5:** Hy. 62:1 **Grade 6:** Ps.63:2

Next Week: **Grade 5:** Ps.103:7 **Grade 6:** Hy.14:1

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~~ From Mrs. Kooiman ~~

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! One thing to note this week will be the "energy interviews" during science on Tuesday. Students have spent the past week researching one type of energy with a group, becoming experts on one aspect of their energy source. They have each prepared a short paragraph as a script, but I encourage them to practice a bit at home so they are able to look up throughout! I will be the "interviewer", and students are welcome (but not required) to dress up somewhat fancy, as they are the ones being "interviewed" about their energy source.

On Thursday, December 19, our class will have the opportunity to visit the SPARK Museum in Bellingham, concluding our unit on electricity and energy. We will leave school around 9:20 and should return by 12:30. Having a large class of 31 students, I am anticipating we will need at least 6 drivers. If you are willing to drive for this field trip, please send me an email to let me know how many passengers you can fit.

Bible: starting unit 6 - the Israelites in the wilderness

Language Arts

- **Reading:** Johnny Tremain - climax and resolution
- **Writing:** tall tales
- **Spelling:** spelling packet due Friday before the test
- **Grammar:** present tense verbs

Science: energy interviews (Tuesday), conservation of energy

History: transcontinental railroad, reconstructing the south

Geography: a physical map - North America

Devotions:

- Monday: Morgan
- Tuesday: Desi
- Wednesday: Jeremy
- Thursday: David
- Friday: Vienna
- Next Monday: Jaycie

Current Events: Sean, Austin



Drivers Needed!

Field trip to SPARK Museum

Thursday, Dec. 19th 9:20- 12:30

Email: pkooiman@cornerstoneschool.us

~~ From Mrs. Kottelenberg ~~

Music 5/6

Recorder focus: p. 14 (new note low E), p. 15 (new note low D).

Recorder challenge / 6th grade: p. 15 - 19.

Recorder review: p. 8 - 13.

Please remind your child to pack their purple music folder in their backpack on Monday night... thanks!

Absent email: absent@cornerstoneschool.us

CCS is **Pistachio & Cashew Aware!**

Memory Work: **Grade 7: Hy. 15:1** **Grade 8: Hy. 15:2**

Next Week: **Grade 7 & 8: John 1:6 -13**

~~ **From Mr. Houweling** ~~

It's remarkable how quickly time passes—the days are noticeably shorter than just a few weeks ago. Despite the prevailing "darkness" of winter, the light of God's Word made flesh radiates brightly in our hearts and lives, dispelling the darkness.

Talking about the light of the Gospel, two Handel's Messiah concerts will be performed in our church on Northwood Road this weekend. While many attribute the oratorio's composition to Handel, it was actually Charles Jennens who provided the scriptural text for Handel to write the musical compositions. Together, they created a profound musical testament to the gospel message: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

As we enter the festive season, my hope is that the light of the gospel will penetrate the hearts of those living in spiritual darkness. Even amid beautifully decorated Christmas trees and twinkling displays, many may find their joy to be fleeting. My prayer is that we would walk as children of Light, allowing others to see the light that we radiate and ultimately glorify our Father in heaven.

The students recently proposed conducting a "secret Santa" during the last week before Christmas. This initiative adds a wonderful dimension to our classroom culture, and it's always heartening to see how students demonstrate kindness toward one another. I accepted their proposal, with the students suggesting a \$15 gift limit. With many students having some pocket money, it would be most kind and meaningful if they paid for it themselves! Tomorrow, the students are required to memorize the 23 helping verbs. They've been tasked with learning them through a creative approach—be it a song, poem, story, rap, or game. While I mentioned this would be an extra credit assignment, it is mandatory for all students to complete it.

Here are some noteworthy things for the week ahead:

Tuesday

- History: Quiz on the geography of the Pacific Northwest

Friday

- Bible Test
- Kiersten's Book Selling presentation
- Memory Verse
- This week: Hy 15:1 (7) Hy 15:2 (8)
- Next week John 1:6-13



Book Selling Presentations

- Fri Dec 6: Kiersten - Fri Dec 13: Elijah - Fri Dec 20: Justin
- Fir Jan 10: Kaylyn - Fri Jan 17: Josiah

Everyday:

- Prepare Book Selling Presentation
- Math corrections and completion of lesson work
- Spelling and dictation assignment work.

Bible Lessons this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Judah Celebrates the Passover	Jehoahaz and Jehoiahkim	The Overthrow of Jerusalem	Daniel and his Friends	Review Test
II Kings 23 and II Chronicles 35	II Chronicles 36:1-8 and parts of Jeremiah	2 Kings 24, 25 and parts of Jeremiah	Daniel 1	

7/8 Mathematics:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Inv 5	51	52	53	Test 9 L41-45

Devotions this week:

Mon: Justin, **Tues:** Kaylyn, **Wed:** Lucy, **Thurs:** Josiah, **Fri:** Emma

Devotions next week:

Mon: Lily, **Tues:** Cassie, **Wed:** Sophia, **Thurs:** Lukas, **Fri:** Taleesah

Thought of the week: "I, Jesus have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star". Rev 22:16

Have a blessed week.
S Houweling

Absent email: absent@cornerstoneschool.us

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General News:

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 2 & 4 - Elem P/T Conferences
Dec. 20 - Last Day of school 2024
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Christmas Break
Jan. 6 - First Day of 2025
Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 24 - HS 2nd Qtr Reports

From the Cleaning Ladies:

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Cleaning Schedule:

This Week: Dec. 2 -Dec. 6
Yang Z, Karla L, Trina V, Lisa P
Next Week: Dec. 9 -Dec. 13
Kelli K, Joanna B, Lacey L, Michelle Van

Scrip Program Open House

If you want to learn more about the Scrip Program come to our open house! We would love to answer any questions you have to help you save money towards your tuition!

When: THIS Wednesday, December 4 from 9-12.

Where: Clarissa's house (428 Wilson Lane, Sumas)

If you can't make it and have questions feel free to send us a text.

Clarissa (360-927-8025) and Liana (360-305-8664)