

the SPARK

September 26, 2013

From the teachers:

Last night, we were privileged to listen to a speech by Evelyn Aasman, a Special Education Resource Teacher at Timothy Christian School in Hamilton. I don't know about you, but I found much of her information and strategies extremely encouraging and helpful. I will definitely begin putting in even more effort to read to my kids on a daily basis. Today, she will be coming to the school to give ideas as to how to set up a reading program at ACS. Stay tuned!

In Social Studies, we have been learning about Emperor Nero and the early Christian martyrs. This has been especially relevant when you think about current events and the persecution of the Christians in Syria. Please, remember our persecuted brothers and sisters in your devotions.

Our Dr. Seuss unit is coming to a close. We hope to celebrate next Wednesday. Everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite Dr. Seuss character.

Next week Tuesday, we hope to do class pictures, weather permitting. Please have your children dress in their formal uniform for the occasion. Thanks.

I hope you have a wonderful week! Maybe we'll bump into each other at the Carp fair???

Mrs. Smith

It has hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of September. Another week of working on Math concepts, Reading, French vocabulary, sentences, songs and so much more. I am pretty excited about our new pencil system set up in both classrooms. You can take a peek at it in the classrooms or ask your child(ren) if they are in the Bravo, Echo or Delta team and what the pencil system is all about. :) Everyone is working hard. The students are doing a good job learning *Notre Père* and are doing well tackling our French Thanksgiving song.

Every week each grade or two is responsible for lunch devotions. They are welcome to write their own prayer or come up with their own on the spot. We are working through the book of Romans together. Every morning we read what is being studied in Bible class and on Wednesday mornings we read it together in French.

Last week I had the fun task of going to a used book sale and managed to find over 25 French fiction and non-fiction books. I hope to go again next month. We are working on adding a

French section to the library. There is always something exciting happening at the school.

A challenge for everyone this week: Go to the school website and see if you can memorize the first section of *Notre Père* if you aren't already learning it along with the students.:-)

Bonne fin de semaine,
Mrs Lüdwig

Looking Ahead:

Star of the Week: Jamie

Bible History:

- John the Baptist prepares the way (Matt 3:1-12; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18; John 1:19-28)

- Baptism of Jesus (Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34)

- Jesus tempted by Satan (Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13)

Memory Work: Hymn 11: 2 (and 3 for 4-7)

Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words:* said, that, she, for, on, but

Grade 2: long, song, prong, strong, bang, hang, clang, banging, hanging, clanging, lung rung, stung, sprung, ring, sing, swing, ringing, singing, swinging

Grade 3: ranch, branch, itch, ditch, pitch, stitch, switch, inch, finch, pinch, batch, hatch, patch match, lunch, bunch, hunch, punch, munch, crunch, fetch, sketch, where, were, because

Grade 4: faith, sailfish, rainbow, railroad, driveway, countdown, southwest, shouted, crowned, topsoil, pointing, oilcan, enjoying, again, said, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Grade 5: kangaroo, foolishly, cocoon, shrewd, renew, avenue, statue, introduce, salute, salutation, human, humanity, continue, ridicule, ridiculous, coupon, vacuum, Louisiana

Grade 6: inspect, inspector, direct, director, conduct, conductor, detect, detector, collect, collector, edit, editor, instruct, instructor, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada

Grade 7: submit, effect, introduction, arthritis, advisory, candidate, snowmobile, machinery, pendulum, formally, principal, productivity, clearly, disgusted, mosquito, competitive, amiable, promotional, nieces', chameleon, straitedge

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, Oct 1 – Picture Day

Wednesday, Oct 2 – Dr. Seuss day