



GRADE FIVE WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday, June 1, 2018

The weather this week was absolutely amazing, especially for our field trip to Royal Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. The Grade Fives, along with the Grade Fours, had such a great time with our guide, who was very fun, kind, and knowledgeable. She had so many interesting things to share! One of the best moments of this trip was seeing a family of geese moving in a line in the water while we stood above on a bridge. The usual “happenings” of each week have seem to be especially fun this week, perhaps thanks to the weather!

Science: This week, the students went into marking mode to ensure they have correctly completed their Humans and Animals Activity Book pages. They did a great job sharing, discussing, and correcting – only if necessary – their answers. On Friday, they worked on a review package in preparation for an assessment (a quiz) next Friday. There will be no surprises on this quiz. If they complete the pages provided and review them over the next few days.

Social Studies: Students finished their Renaissance Historical Biographies and began to present them this week. They will finish presenting next week and we will start learning about specific innovations in science and technology during the Renaissance.

English: The students continue to finalize their word choices and line structure for their poems, and will hopefully have final copies to post on the bulletin board by early next week. They also looked at more literary techniques – personification and onomatopoeia – through reading and discussing “Song of a Blue Mountain Stream”. To end the week, they discussed fiction genres (the many different types of styles of fiction texts) and identified different genres by reading excerpts from the beginnings of stories. In Book Club, the students have started reading Julius Caesar. They are enjoying reading from a play script and eagerly volunteer to read the stage directions or as characters or a narrator.

Math: This week, the students completed their tasks of calculating the time in different time zones. Next, the focus was on finding the area and perimeter of multiple shapes as well as compound shapes. They recalled that compound shapes can be split into rectangles, and worked diligently at multiplying the length times the width and adding both totals together to get the total area. When calculating the perimeter, they had to be extra careful to include the measurements for all sides, and double check their addition for accuracy.

French: Students are working on their end of year project ‘Ma Maison’. They are building on their writing in class. There was a big push for completing the written part in class. They were given exemplars to help. They will need to design their posters at home.

Health and Physical Education: This week, the students in Grade Five started their Human Development and Sexual Health Unit. This unit will cover the reproductive system, spermatogenesis, menstruation, emotional and interpersonal stresses, and puberty. This unit will continue next week.

Music (Strings): This week, the students did their final strings test. It has been really great to see how everyone’s hard work has paid off this year!

Art: The Grade Five students are learning about ancient Celtic gold jewelry design and are designing their own fibulas or pins featuring a Celtic stylized animal or mythological animal and Celtic knot work.

Please ask your child:

1. Explain the meaning of these literary terms: personification and onomatopoeia?
2. What unit of measurement/label do you use for (a) area and (b) perimeter?
3. List the body organs we’ve learned about and tell me one fact about each.

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK IN GRADE FIVE

Monday June 4	Tuesday June 5	Wednesday June 6	Thursday June 7	Friday June 8
Regular uniform	Regular uniform	Number One uniform	Regular uniform	Regular uniform
Gym Strings Book Club	Strings	Waste Free House Lunch Gym	Strings	Gym Science Quiz

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES	
Spring Arts Night	<i>Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.</i>
K-5 Field Trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village	<i>Tuesday, June 12th</i>
Grade 8 Graduation/Last Day of Classes	<i>Wednesday, June 20th</i>
Awards Ceremony	<i>Thursday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m.</i>

