



GRADE FOUR WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday, June 1st, 2018

It has been a fantastic and fun week in Grade Four. The highlight of the week was certainly our trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens on Tuesday with the Grade Five Class. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to explore plant and animal habitats, feed chipmunks right from the palms of our hands, and learn about some very interesting plants like skunk cabbage and garlic mustard.

English: We had a variety of English lessons this week including some reading comprehension activities based on our novel studies, a little bit of grammar review on clauses and conjunctions, and some explanation writing based on the steps we took to make a refreshing and healthy smoothie on Wednesday afternoon.

Math: The students focused on fractions, decimals, and percentages this week Math. We learned how the three ideas are all related since they all have to do with parts of a whole. Everyone enjoyed using the manipulative cubes and pie pieces to help us make sense of the concept. Please note that we will have a small quiz on fractions next Thursday! A review package went home on Thursday afternoon.

Science: It was a very exciting week in Science with our trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens and a few fun and memorable lessons. The students focused on pollination this week and learned about the importance of pollinators in the reproduction and fertilization of plants. We learned who the different pollinators are, and did a fun and tasty experiment using Cheetos and Gummy Bears to see how pollinators do their important job.

Social Studies: Students will have a quiz next Monday on the reading that was sent home yesterday on Sir Isaac Brock and Tecumseh during the war of 1812. There was also a study guide sent home to help with studying purposes.

Health and Physical Education: This week, the students in Grade Four started their Human Development and Sexual Health Unit. This unit will cover changes in puberty and their social and emotional impact, and personal hygiene and care. This unit will continue next week.

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 poster at home.

Art: The students are working on completing their Norval Morrisseau Art works. Morrisseau is an Indigenous Ojibway Artist from Ontario, known for his brightly coloured art work, framed by

black “lines of communication” and featuring stories from his own cultural world view, as taught to him by his Grandfather who was a Shaman. Morrisseau was also a victim of the Residential School System.

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!

Orff: This week, we only had the grade 3's in class but we continued to work on our Orff piece for the spring performance. There are many moving parts to our piece but the students showed good listening and focus to make it sound cohesive.

ICT (Information Communication Technology): Many of us finished up our vacation planning project on Excel this week. Everyone was fascinated by the equation feature and thought it was a pretty neat and easy way to add up all of the costs of our trip.

PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD:

1. What was the highlight of your trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens?
2. Explain the pollination experiment with the Cheetos and Gummy Bears? What did the Cheetos represent? What did the paper towel represent?
3. Why do fractions, percentages and decimals all have in common? What are the equivalent percentage and decimal to the fraction nine tenths?

WHAT’S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK?

Monday June 4th	Tuesday June 5th	Wednesday June 6th	Thursday June 7th	Friday June 8th
Strings day Social Studies Quiz	French Project Due	WASTE-FREE LUNCH WEDNESDAY #1 Dress Gym day	Fraction Quiz	Spelling Test Gym day

UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES

Spring Arts Night	<i>Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.</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>



Feeding chipmunks and writing poetry inspired by nature at the Royal Botanical Gardens.



A few more pictures of our beautiful day at RBG.



Seeing first-hand how pollen sticks to pollinators and gets carried to other flowers.