



... from Mrs. Silverthorne

Suddenly it's March! Responsibility continues to be a theme in our classroom as some students are still not "there" yet. In some cases, projects are not finished on time, assignments are not submitted, and reminders are ignored. Ask your students if they have handed in their Adventure Story or if they presented their Heritage Fair project or if they have completed art projects. Happily, many students are improving their skills in this area, and are using strategies like asking for extensions or using their free time to complete tasks. I rarely give hard "due dates" and students are always welcome to take the initiative to ask for a retest or to redo an assignment.



EQAO is coming at the end of May! Students participated in a sample test which was intended to give them an idea of what will happen. This assessment was not marked. Instead, we discussed the answers and used peer helpers to determine success. You should have received the sample at home so you also know what to expect. This group of students did not participate in EQAO in Grade 3, so it is an entirely new experience for them.



In Language, we have started reading "The Search Begins", which is a serial story from the Hamilton Spectator. We will focus on writing proper reading responses during this unit. After March Break, our writing focus will be proper paragraphs, and we will continue to work on our editing skills.



Moving right along in Math... we took some time to go back to Measurement and tying it to Geometry in a combined unit focusing on 3D solids. Together, we developed formulas for volume, and investigated surface area. We will continue to investigate prisms and pyramids in the hopes of completing an assessment before March Break. After that, we will be delving into everyone's favourite.... FRACTIONS!



Students presented their Heritage Fair projects today! We will have one more assessment opportunity next week so students can demonstrate their understanding of Communities in Canada. In Science, we are also wrapping up a unit, this one focusing on Flight. We will set off our bottle rockets on Friday, and then have an assessment next week to consolidate learning.

We are wrapping up a unit in hockey this week, while in art class we are getting ready to papier mache initials. Fun!

Have a great March!!
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