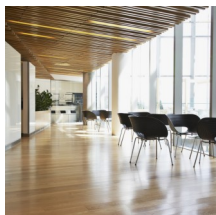


GRADE 4/5 NEWS

Practice makes progress, and progress is improvement! — Nurse Doris

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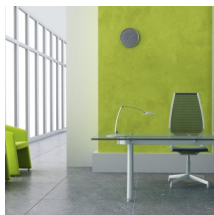
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Mathematics



We have started our unit on Geometry and the students have been exploring shapes in both 2D and 3D. We are learning how to identify a wide variety of shapes and "nets" using geometric properties. Students are exploring how angles are everywhere, how we can identify and classify them.

These skills will be invaluable as we move closer to our grand finale in which students will dawn their builders hard hats to create something spectacular!

Science



In our grade 4/5 class we are beginning to explore matter and energy. The grade 4's will be exploring light and sound, their characteristics and properties, how we use them and are impacted by them and how technological advances have impacted the environment.

The grade 5's will be looking into properties and changes of matter, the characteristics of different matter states, physical and chemical changes in substances and how materials society creates effect our environment.

Mind-Up



Recently we have had the opportunity to partake in a wonderful program called Mind-Up. This program teaches students in a fun, and memorable way, how the brain works, its different parts and the functions they are responsible for.

The first few portions of this program are taught by the charismatic Nurse Doris, who puts an emphasis on student engagement to ensure learning is fun.

Language Arts: Media Literacy



Our grade 4 and 5 students will be moving from their imagined narrative unit to Media Literacy. In this unit we will explore a wide variety of media texts, learn what it takes to create different forms of media, and how different forms can create or alter meaning.

Students will spend time reflecting on their own strengths as both media consumers and creators. Through this self reflection we will develop strategies to better understand and criticize media.

About the teacher:

My name is Mr. Vanka I started here at James Hillier right after march break. I feel very fortunate to take over for Mr. Bentham at this wonderful school. As we move throughout the remainder of the school year, should you have questions for me feel free to contact me, I will do my best to answer any and all questions.

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