

May News

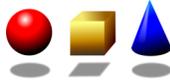
Mrs. Shannon's Class

Here's What's Happening This Month...

In Language Arts we have recently completed our unit on "Two Islands". Our next unit is called "A Novel In A Day". It's a unique, creative and fun approach to the more traditional novel study. The unit includes a lot of interesting activities including creating art-work, writing activities, and dramatic presentations. The novel we are using is called "The Wish Giver" by Bill Brittain.



In Math we are studying Surface **Area and Volume**, and we will also be learning about **Probability** through our bell



work activities. Students are encouraged to continue reviewing their math notes on a regular basis, and practice their multiplication tables.



In Science we are continuing with Forces & Structures, and in Social Studies/Geography we are continuing with our researched based unit on Natural Resources.

In Family Life we have completed Theme 2—Living In Relationship in our Fully Alive book. Our next unit will combine Health and Family Life Unit 3, Created Sexual:Male & Female. A letter has gone home introducing this unit. If you have not received it, please remind your son/daughter about it.

The class completed and presented a big Arts Project recently. The project involved studying the politics, fashion, technology, trends, etc. of previous eras (1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's). Part of the project was selecting a song from that time period and creating a dance using the dance styles from that time. The students came up with some amazing dances. Olivia, Sophia W. and Madison have put the songs together and helped to create a

dance for Dancefest. The class has been working very hard at learning all of the moves for our song. I am very proud of their dedication and hard work, and look forward to having them show it off at this year's Dancefest on May 10th. Hopefully some of you can come and enjoy their hard work.

In art last week I introduced a great art project called "Modern Day Mona Lisa". Students are creating their own version of the infamous Mona Lisa. Students should have come up with a theme and need to have their materials at school prepared to work on it.

EQAO is this month as well. This year the grade 6's are writing their tests over 3 days, May 22, May 23 and May 27. If possible, please try to avoid scheduling appointments for your child on these days. Thank you.

Other Important Events ...

Education Week is the second week of May. There are a variety of activities going on in the school that week. On **Thursday, May 9th** classes are presenting their **Dancefest** dances to the rest of the school. If you are unable to come and watch your child on Friday at Dancefest, perhaps you can come

on the 9th. Presentations will begin at 1:15 pm in the gym. The week of course will end with Dancefest at SMHS from 10-12.

There are lots of things happening at St. Jude's this month. Please see the calendar for test dates and other important events.

May's GRIT mantra is Determine Your True Motivator.

Another key element to the development of GRIT is to figure out what exactly it is that motivates you to succeed. In other words, why is it exactly that you want to achieve your ultimate goal?