

lightly School's Clearly Delightful News

March, 2024

Mrs. Cassidy's Corner

It seems that Leprechauns have been playing tricks on us, the year is flying by so quickly. Spring break is here and swimming lessons start the week after we get back. By the time they are over it will be June. We have been, and will be, putting a big push on to ensure that work is complete and that it is done well. It is not just important that work is done, but it also must be of good quality and show that our learning is the best that it can be at this time. Not all concepts will be mastered by all students at the same rate. We work together to do the best that we can and sometimes we move on and know that we will keep trying, but that it is time for a break. Spring break is time to take a breath, get a little rest, and know that we will come back refreshed and ready to keep going. School is not always easy or fun.

We, the staff, do what we can to make school a good place to be, but learning is hard work. I am so proud of the efforts that the students put in. That does not always get said enough. Thank you to parents, Martin, Marion and everyone here for all of the work that is put in to make the school and community a great place to be.

Students will start back on April 3rd and swimming begins on April 12th.

Take care,

Mrs. Cassidy

From the Guidance Counsellor:

In March, we began the theme of Feelings in Guidance. Students are identifying what feelings look and feel like for themselves and others. When we understand our own feelings, we can better understand other people's feelings and have empathy for them. We can then understand how our actions can make others feel as well. Being aware of our emotions can help us accept them and help us deal with them when we feel overwhelmed, promoting better mental health.



Sledding Into Spring

In a last-ditch effort to enjoy the last few remnants of snow our students took to the trusty snow pile by the school. They graciously agreed to be the test dummies for the patched old inflatable sled nicknamed "The Cadillac" and although the sled was looking suspiciously flat by the time the sledding was over, I think we are going to have a hard time parting with it.



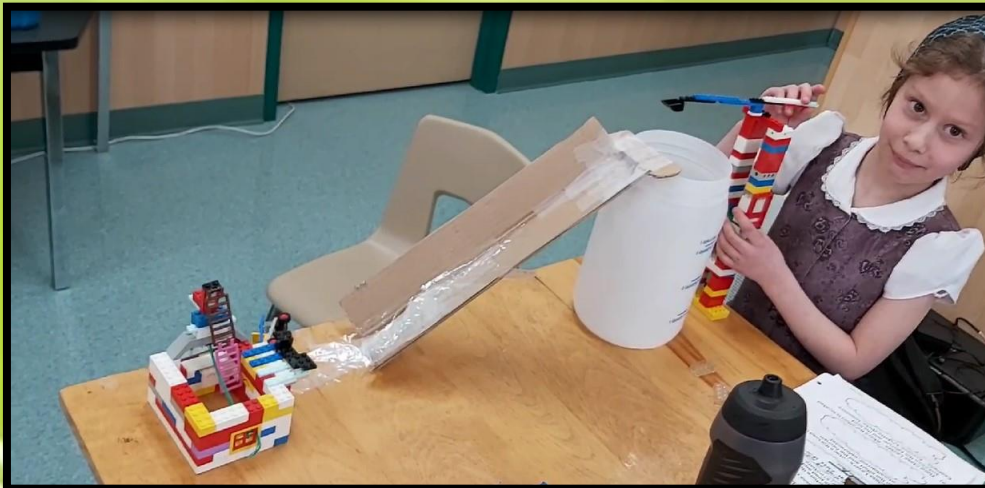
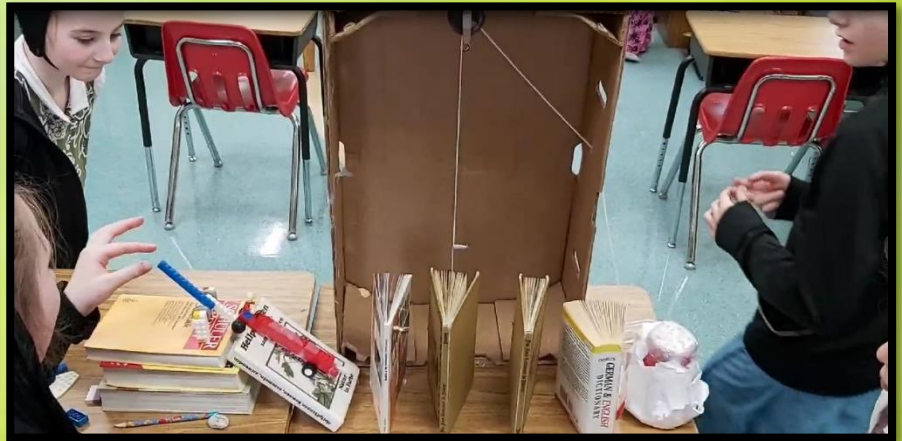
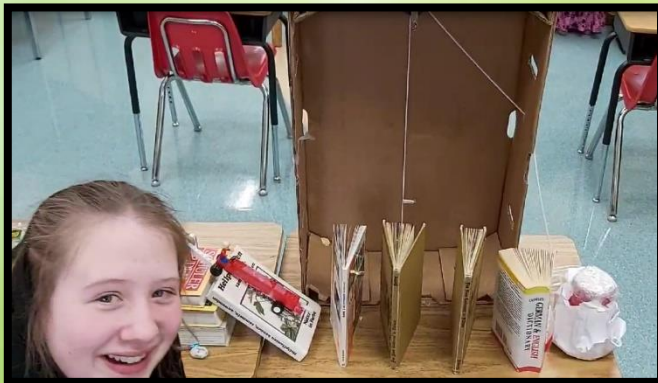
Music-Creating Instruments...

This month we have been focusing on how instruments make sounds and how to design our own. The students discussed different instruments and why and how they generate their sounds. Some use wind, some use wires, some add deep thrums and some add high pitched twangs. The students were then given the task of making their own instruments and to use the materials around them to create music. It was interesting to see how a design that looks pretty simple on the outside actually has a lot of thought involved. A violin needs friction and vibration to make sounds and a guitar needs certain thicknesses and tension on strings and wires to make the correct sounds. It was definitely a learning curve as the students realized that the picture, they had in their heads didn't translate well into real life, and they had to come up with solutions to make their instruments sound the way they wanted them to.



Simple Machines...

The mission in science was to create a simple machine that was able to perform basic duties... e.g., like ringing a bell or picking up a marble... but some of these machines looked pretty complicated.



Spring Fever...



Happy St. Patrick's Day...

I hope you remembered to show your friendly neighborhood leprechaun some love this St. Patrick's Day. Also remembered to wear green, or the leprechaun's little helpers might have pinched you!

