

Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News

April 2024

Mrs. Cassidy's Corner

April showers bring May flowers, or so the saying goes. We have had some good rain in April with hopefully enough to ensure flowers and good crops. Spring also means spending more time outdoors and getting more active. I have purchased a few kites that the students have been enjoying, the bubbles have also been flying around, and the badminton nets are up for those wet or cold days. Of course, the students have also been getting lots of exercise in the pool with the start of swimming. The younger students have been doing very well with their lessons. They all seem to be quite comfortable in the water this year and doing well with floating and such. The older students have been working very hard with building stamina for laps.

In April, we were fortunate enough to have the unique experience of an eclipse. In Manitoba with the clouds and only having a partial eclipse, there was not much to see. However, the students were able to view the full eclipse via technology. It was very interesting to hear the reactions of the crowds when the sun disappeared. We were able to enjoy a Sundae on a Monday as well.

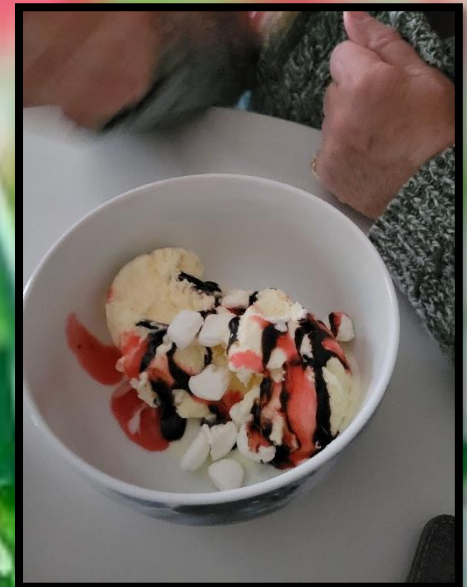
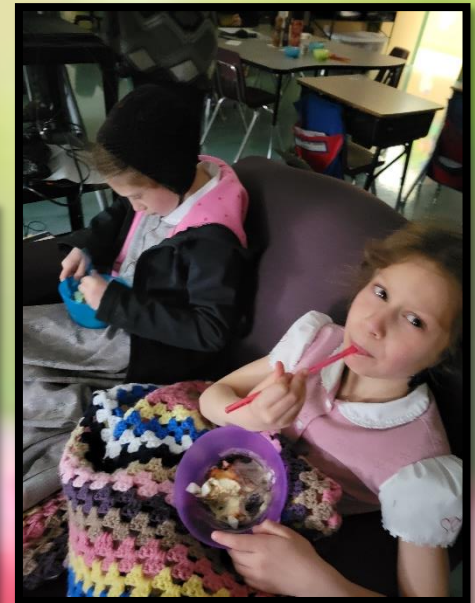
We are working toward putting that last big push on for school work. I am sure many of you have noticed a bit more homework lately. We are losing some class time for swimming and I just want to make a bit more progress on assignments. It is also important that corrections are completed to ensure that we are truly learning. Students also need to learn to be responsible for their work. If students need help, they can always come and see me, but if work is not complete, they need to have consequences like missing pool time, or coming in at lunch, or having homework. I do not assign homework that I am not confident that students can do on their own. I am encouraging students to look back at what they have done previously and just think through what they have to do in order to build stamina and develop deeper understanding. Assessments and report cards will be here before we know it.

Take care,

Mrs. Cassidy

Eclipse Excitement...

The excitement that the sun and moon caused on April 8th cannot be matched. Of course, we could not watch the eclipse because there was only a partial in our area and it was so cloudy even if you had looked outside, you couldn't see it. So, we did the next best thing and watched it on a North American live stream via NASA. Now this day was all about the sun, so we couldn't just pass on the opportunity to make ice cream sundaes. The kids piled their bowls full of ice cream and toppings, there was strawberry, chocolate and caramel sauce. We got to listen to two astronauts in the international space station talk about what the eclipse looks like from above the earth and we saw the eclipse happen across North America from Mexico to Texas to Arizona and Niagara Falls. The joy in the crowds and in the announcers' voices when the sun was blocked out was infectious and it felt so exciting to be a part of such a great day.



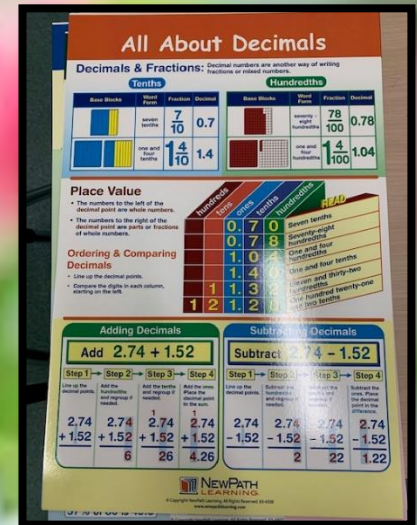
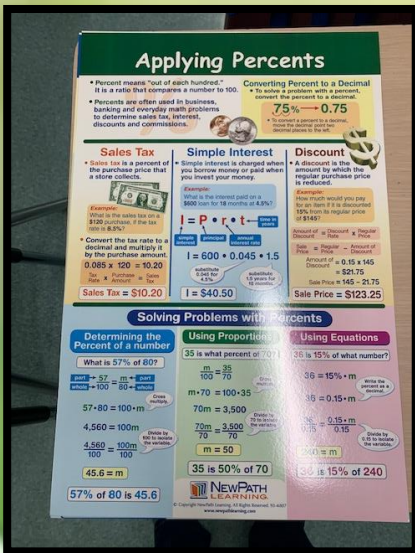
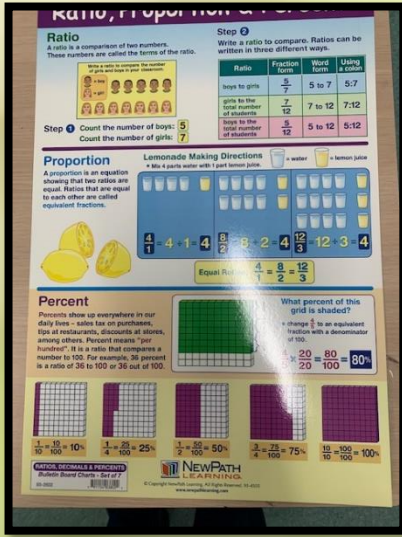
Spirits Soaring with Spring Joy...

As the weather turns warmer, what better way to enjoy the changing of seasons than with bubbles and kites. One a windy spring day we set out to fly our kites and after some trial and error to get them off the ground they were soaring freely through the sky.



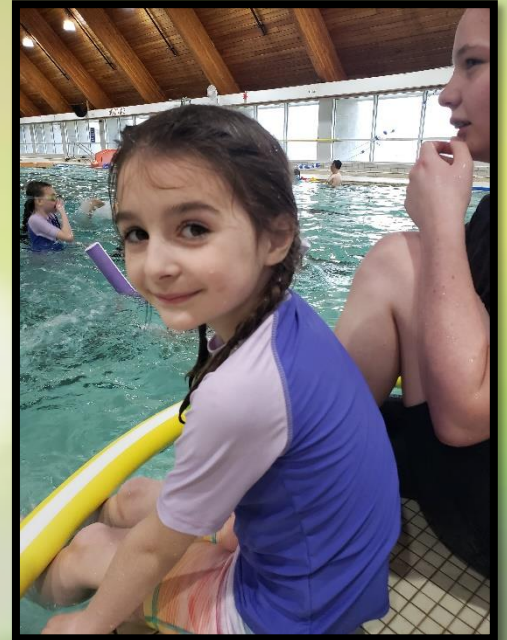
Learning With Fun Resources...

As teachers, it's our job to get our students tools that we think they need to excel at learning, even better if it expands on knowledge that the students already possess. And if what they really need to excel just happens to be Legos... well we won't complain and neither did the kids. Legos help build creative imagination and if you set a specific challenge, they can help kids understand how to manipulate objects in a variety of ways. We also bought a Raspberry Pi (a small programmable single-board computer) for the students to fool around with... *Disclaimer you cannot eat the Pi*... and some posters to help with difficult math concepts.



Swimming Into Safety...

Swimming is a very valuable life skill and if you have even a small body of water near you, teach your children how to swim. Even simply learning how to float and how to tread water can mean the difference between life and death.





Earth Day...

For Earth Day our girls took the time to plant seeds and now we just have to watch them grow!

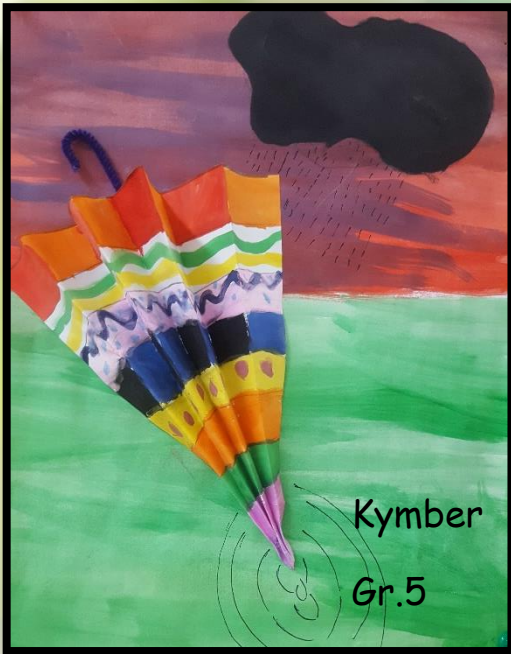


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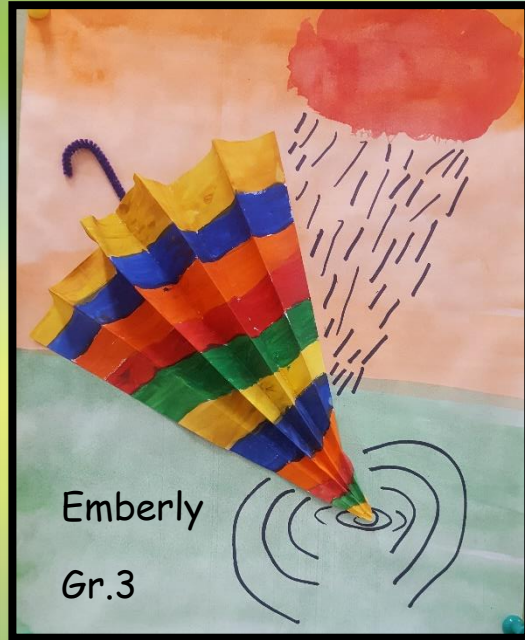
This month we continued with the theme of our feelings. Students spent more time identifying feelings and understanding our reactions to those feelings. Students practiced some breathing exercises as a way to calm strong emotions. They also made stress balls to use as another calming strategy.

"It is not about managing your emotions, it is about managing your reaction to your emotions."

You Know What They Say About April Showers.



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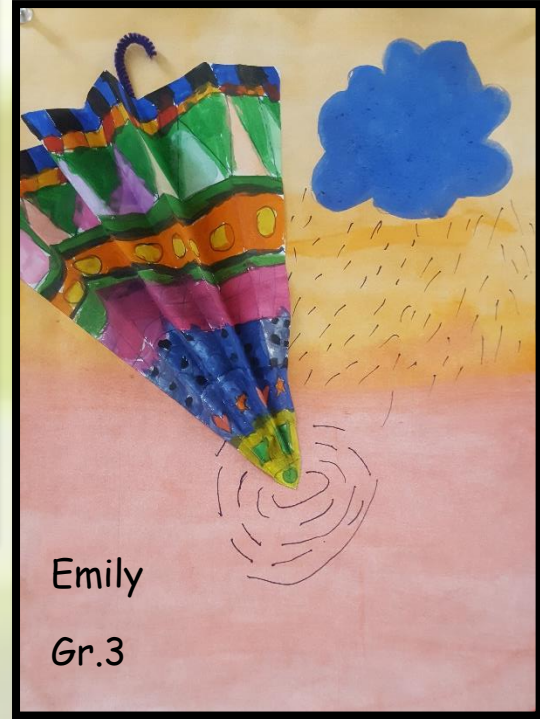
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