

# *Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News*

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## *Mrs. Cassidy's Corner*

I hope that everyone had a great Spring Break! It is important that we take the time to rest and recharge so that we are prepared to learn and do our best work. That rest and relaxation does seem like a long time ago, unfortunately. Spring is certainly creeping its way in, and I think we are all hoping that it warms up soon. I think the students really enjoyed having the artist in the school. Her name was Ursula and she taught us how to create mosaic tiles. The inspiration for the tiles was life on the colony or life as a Hutterite, and the students came up with amazing ideas. Creating the tiles was a great learning experience and the tiles have turned out extremely well. They will be on display at the art show that will take place at the end of April. In previous years, the whole division used to hold an art show for all students. It was a wonderful experience to see all of the artistic talent. Mrs. Ladyka thought it would be a good idea for our schools to try and revive the tradition on a little smaller scale. All of the colony students were asked to submit 3 pieces of art and we will be going to see the collection on display at a hall in Stonewall. There will be an artist there to help students develop their sculpting skills. Following the art show we plan to visit Quarry Park and hopefully enjoy a picnic, as long as the weather will cooperate. I think we will have some great pictures to share in the next newsletter. We will also make sure that everyone gets a chance to view the tiles at some point before the end of the year.

Swimming lessons have started and will run until early June. We are going to Selkirk Community Pool. Although there are not as many extra amenities as there were at 7 Oaks, at least we are getting some great swim lessons in. They had a great water safety review, which is also very important to know in an emergency.

There are a few days off in May, so please check the calendar. Students need to stay on top of deadlines and due dates, especially the high school students. As we get older, we get more responsibilities and time management is a vital skill to learn. It is not unreasonable to expect some homework in high school. I am here after school and most days by 8 in the morning and I am more than happy to work with students.

Hopefully a little heat will get rid of all the colds and flu that have been hanging around and just wearing everyone out. But May is just around the corner, and so take heart that not only spring, but summer will soon be here!

Take care,

*Mrs. Cassidy*

# Making Mosaics...

The kids enjoyed a couple classes designing and creating some beautiful mosaics centered around their culture and what was important in their lives. There were many varied ideas and they all represented the kid's different personalities very well. They all soon discovered that drawing a picture was the easy part, turning it into an image using pieces of glass and ceramic was a separate challenge. They learned some pretty complicated techniques like using negative spaces for difficult small parts, the power of contrast to highlight and brighten your project and putting different shapes together to look like an image. They all did an excellent job and their mosaic is some thing to be proud of.







## The Water Cycle...

The kids have been enjoying learning about the water cycle in science. They learned about evaporation, condensation and precipitation and about how they affect our daily life. Did you know that although clouds look so light and fluffy, they are actually really heavy because they're filled with water? A **cumulus cloud** can hold up to 1.1 million pounds of water!

