

News from Rm12

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Last Week's Highlights

We had so much at our viewing of "Shrek, The Musical" at the St. Jacob's Playhouse this week! The message of this play truly fit in to our vision at Vista Hills that we shouldn't judge others by their appearance as it's what's on the inside that counts. We also learned that everyone has a "story" and we all need family and friends to find our way through life☺

We continue to strive for our goal to complete "2,018 Acts of Kindness" this year! Thank you for your donations of toonies which will go towards the House of Friendship and Toonies for Tummies. Help us keep track of your great acts by tweeting at [@VHgives2018@viswrdsb!](https://twitter.com/VHgives2018) This Friday is our Potato Blitz for the Food Bank. Potatoes, potatoes, potatoes!! Please send in your potato donations or bring to office anytime this week before Friday.



Language Arts

We have started our Poetry unit this week and had fun searching through a variety of Poetry books to find some that really stood out to us. We will be writing a variety of poetry throughout this unit and will publish our favs at the end.

We have also continued with our acknowledgement of Black History Month this week. We listened to a kid-friendly version of Martin Luther's, "I Have a Dream" speech and wrote our own dreams for the future. Check out our Dream Wall on our class twitter page [@Vista Hills Rm 12@MrsSchatz1](https://twitter.com/VistaHillsRm12).



Mathematics

This week, we learned how to make change up to \$1.00 (Grade 2) and up to \$10.00 (Grade 3). Some strategies we used included "counting on" using play money, counting on or back using a blank number line and using a formal algorithm. We went on a shopping spree using magazine cut-outs to count money and to make change. Keep practising this life-long skill at home☺

We have also been designing our own Math Mash-Ups using addition and subtraction facts to complete these mind-blowing puzzlers. Look for our Olympic-themed Math Mash-ups in the hallways this week.



Social Studies

We completed our research projects on four different types of communities found in and around Ontario including fishing, mining, forestry and farming. After compiling our information onto poster boards, we presented our findings to the class and as "experts" summarized key elements such as dangers involved with the occupations associated with these industries and the harm that they are causing on the environment.



Notes and Reminders

Candy Grams - on sale this Mon and Tues for 50 cents each; will be delivered on Feb. 14th

Valentine's Day Celebration - Feb. 14th
(Class list can be found on previous post on class website)

Report Cards come home - Feb. 16th

Family Day - Feb. 19th - no school