

News from Rm12

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Last Week's Highlights

We got to vote on our favourite Blue Spruce Books this week in the library! Results will be announced later this Spring!



As part of a fundraiser initiative to raise money for our school playground, Vista Hills has teamed up with **Four All Ice Cream**. Each class was challenged to come up with an ice cream flavor. Room 12 chose a combination of chocolate, caramel and mars bars. The top four flavours submitted will be created by the ice cream maker who will then bring them to the school for us all to taste test! Then, for the month of June, sales of the winning ice cream flavor will be donated towards our playground! What a great way to support the school and our local businesses!

We used our Math Buddy time to create a beautiful Earth Day mural! We also upcycled old t-shirts and made beautiful, new carry-all bags - just like the book, Something from Nothing, by Phoebe Gilman☺



Language Arts

Our new goal in Writing is to learn how to write a really persuasive paragraph! We heard a wonderful example of effective persuasion in a book called The Great Kapok Tree. The animals in this story convinced humans to stop cutting down their rainforest using very convincing arguments.

In Reading, we will be practising making inferences and synthesizing information in the texts we read and will be starting a new novel study this week!



Mathematics

We have been learning about units of measure and discovered that when we want to measure the length of something small, we use centimetres. We know that 1 cm is about the width of our finger. For measuring the length of longer items (i.e., things longer than the width of our arm span), we use metres.

Grade 3s learned some terms that are used in transformational geometry. We now know that a reflection is a "flip" and a translation is a "slide".



Science

We really enjoyed listening to each other's presentations of our toy creations. There were so many forces in action including gravity, friction, buoyancy, wind, muscular force and magnetic force which helped our toys take flight, spin, float and glide. Perhaps the most important lesson we all learned is that it is okay to make mistakes and to keep trying to do our best!



Notes and Reminders

Cake Raffle and Bake Sale - Thurs., April 26th (check planners for more details)

EQAO (Grade 3s only) - Mon., May 28 - Wed., May 30th (more details will follow shortly)

Several field trips have been scheduled for our Grade 2s and 3s towards the end of May and into June. Please check planners regularly for information and updates.

