



May 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

It has been an awesome month of April! We have had some great things happen here at Sunnyside and are looking forward to some exciting things in the month of May!

We have had some exciting developments the last few weeks. First, we have had a crew at the school the last week of April installing underground sprinklers throughout our school yard. We are really excited about the opportunity to water our grass and make our school year look amazing! School Council also made some significant contributions to our outdoor spaces and learning commons. They purchased 6 hammocks that we have been using outside. The students have been really excited about it! They also purchased a number of card and board games for our learning commons, which the students were able to pick. They are going to have a lot of fun with them too! On Thursday, April 28th, we also participated in a school-wide cleanup as part of an Earth Day celebration. We filled our entire dumpster with garbage bags! Great job Sunnyside!

We are also excited about the Barn Dance coming up on May 28th. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together, celebrate, and raise some money for the school. We are hoping to continue to build on our wellness programs, our outdoor learning opportunities, our opportunities for experiences outside the classroom, and our PE/sports programs. Thank you in advance for your support! A huge thanks to Michelle Perlich, Rana Koopmans, and the entire School Council for organizing. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact the school. Also, if you haven't bought your tickets yet, please purchase them here: shorturl.at/koySV

As always, your child's education and growth are the most important things for us. I am so proud of the work that our staff have accomplished this year. I have heard story after story of students growing in their academics, social skills, maturity, resilience, independence, kindness, generosity, and care for others. It has been an amazing year, and I am so proud of what the students, with the support of our staff (and you, the parents) have achieved. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of working with your child(ren). It truly has been an amazing year, with two more months of growth to celebrate!

As always, it has been an absolute joy being the principal of Sunnyside this year. Thank-you for allowing us to invest in your child(ren). We are so grateful to have the opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out and email me or call the school. My door is always open!

Your partner in education
Mitchell Van Dyk



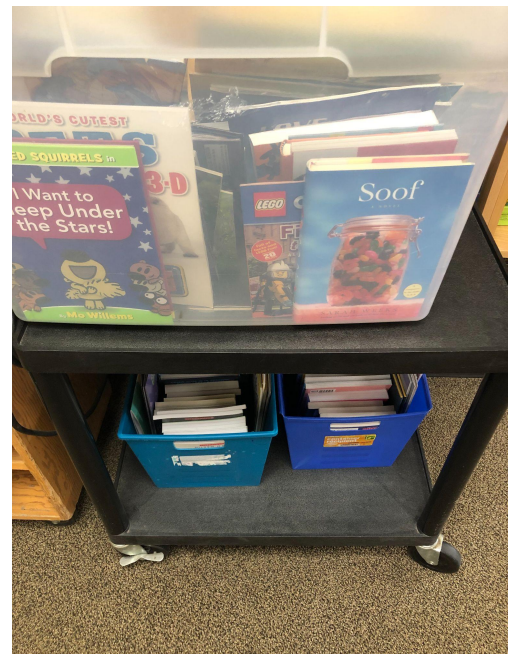
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Wear Hats for Mental Health, School Council meeting	5	6 Developmental Checkups Pre-K/K	7
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15	16 Grade 3/4 field trip to Yates memorial center	17	18 Grade 6 Writing achievement test.	19 Potential pick up date for flower fundraiser	20 PD Day No School For Students	21
22	23 No School for Staff and Students	24	25	26 Pavan Park Field trip grades 1/2	27	28 Sunnyside Barn Dance Fundraiser
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Learning Commons

Our Scholastic book fair was a huge success !!! Thanks to all of the support from our families and staff members we raised \$2500 which allowed us to receive \$1200 in free books! Besides having the Book Fair, the Learning Commons is now open for Wellness activities and in person book exchanges. We want to send out a huge thank you to all the parents that graciously donated items to supplement our Maker Space Area. We will be accepting items on an ongoing basis. Some children have been requesting more wood pieces, nails, screws, hammers, screwdrivers and glue for hot glue guns, so if you have any items lying around the house that the children could use to create, please feel free to send them our way.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Parent Council for giving us some funds to purchase some more updated board games for our wellness times. This is greatly appreciated.



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

Although April was short- we had a bunch of fun!

At the end of March we finished our Nursery Rhymes theme with the Humpty Dumpty Egg drop experiment. It was so fun to see all the ideas the children came up with. In April we celebrated Easter and decorating eggs with the grade ¾ class.



Kindergarten News

This month felt extremely quick because of our Easter Break. We started off the month working with our sprout plants and learning about the things plants need to grow. We spent lots of our time building and measuring towers and rockets before we blasted off into space! We finished the month focusing on strong reading strategies and exploring the new seasonal changes! I cannot wait to see the excitement that comes with May!



Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Klassen

May Newsletter Grade 1/2 Mrs. Klassen



Celebrating our writing with friends! We are so proud of the way our students have grown as writers this year. We have wrapped up our non-fiction writing and are now beginning to write realistic fiction books!



Our second trip to Pavan Park was incredible. From feeding chickadees to exploring forts in the flood zone...we had a blast!

Warmer days means more time outside! We continue to learn outdoors every morning. We are also very excited about the Sunnyside running club and our new hammocks too!

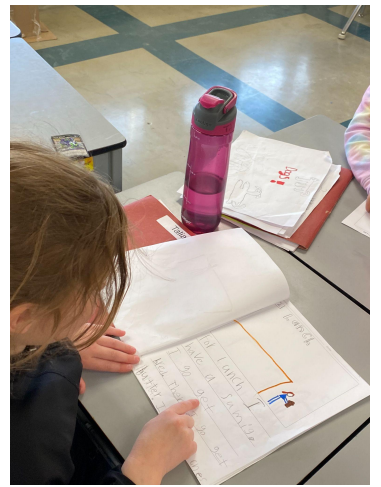
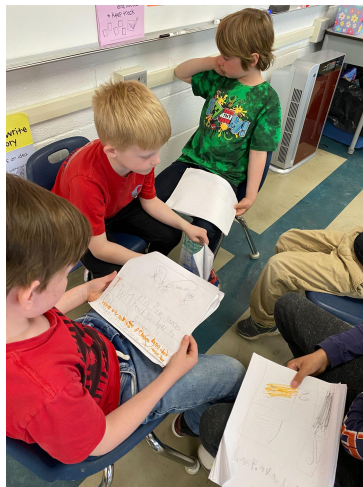
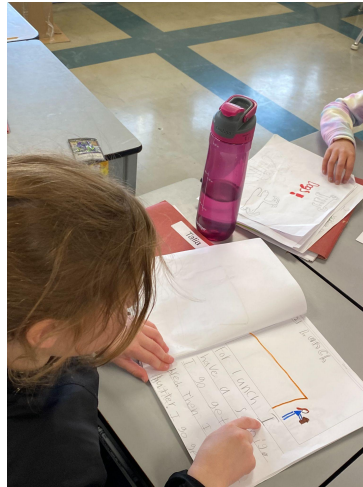
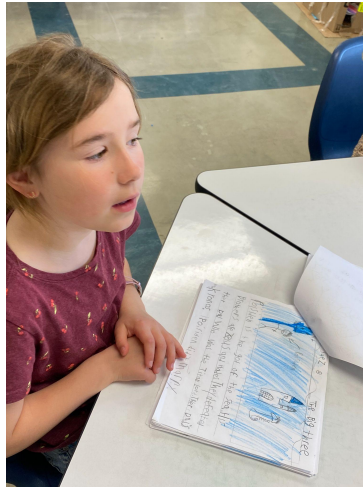


Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Slusar

We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to explore and learn outdoors and experience Pavan Park this spring! We are looking forward to more adventures here in May and June.



Writing Celebration: Sharing our non-fiction chapter books



NEWS FROM THE GRADE 3/4J CLASSROOM

With only eleven days of school during April, the month certainly went by in the blink of an eye. No matter how short the month, it's always great to see the students' excitement when taking part in all of the activities we have going on here at SSS. Whether it's as simple as a daily joke or message of gratitude to something bigger like our new Friday Wellness groups and the Running Club, there is always something to make us smile and feel grateful around here.



Here's a quick blurb on what our class has been up to lately:

Math - We wrapped up our unit on multiplication and have started to explore division. Through a variety of activities we are exploring strategies such as fact families, skip counting, equal groups, and repeated subtraction.

LA - Reading: Students continue to read several times throughout the day whether it be independently, in a group or as part of a class read-aloud. As a result, our love of reading continues to grow. **Writing:** We are currently working on a Poetry unit. We started the unit learning a clapping game. Just ask your child about "Double Double"! We are currently writing some acrostic poems. **Word Work:** We continue to work on our phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills by taking part in a variety of activities. Ask about our Word Work "Choice Board" and some of the cool activities we are doing.

Social - In Social we are looking at the environments in Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India as well as how people are adapting to and changing the environments in which they live.



Science - We finished our building unit by constructing basketball towers. Although not all towers were successful, fun was had and we now understand more clearly how we "learn from our mistakes". ;) We are now starting a new unit on animal life cycles. Mammals are up first!!

Art - For Art we have been working on landscape scenes, 3-D cities, a collaborative Easter Egg and Rainbow project and we helped decorate eggs with the Early Learning students.

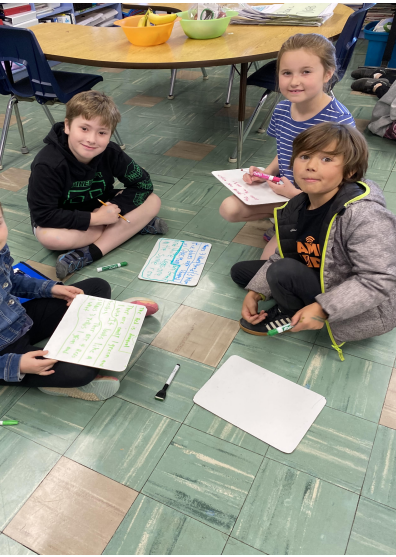
As you can see, there's never a dull day around here!!

Have a great day!

Mrs. J. Henderson

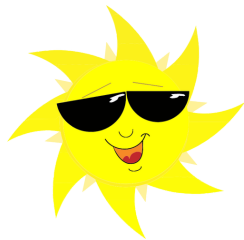


Grade 3/4 News - Mrs. Hudey



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Mrs. Hudey
Grade 3 / 4



We are looking forward to a fantastic May!
Here's what we are working on:

Reading - New Guided Level reading groups! Groups are reading new books and practicing a variety of reading strategies.

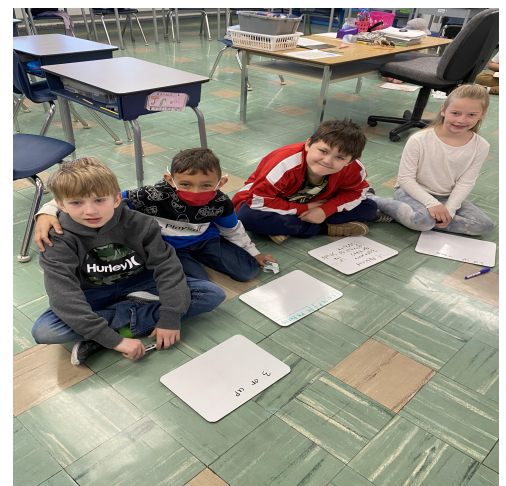
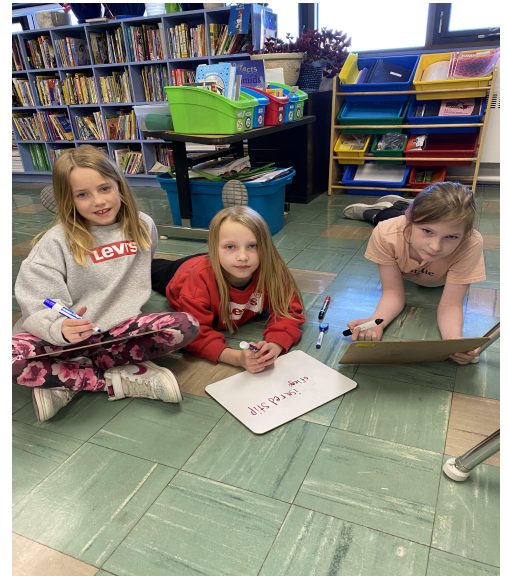
Writing - We will be showcasing our newspapers with other classes in the school! We will be starting poetry and working to improve our written responses. (sentence structure, descriptive words, spelling)

Science- Students are engaged with a building unit! We are having fun testing and building a variety of structures.

Social- We continue to compare and contrast four global communities. We are looking forward to a Grade 3/4 field trip on May 16th to the Yates to watch Ukrainian dancing.

Wellness - Students are excited that slacklines and hammocks have been added to our outside play space! We are also working on making a slideshow on our chromebooks. Students are learning and practicing new technology skills!

Math- We enjoy learning in small groups for MATH TALKS



Grade 5/6 News – Mrs. Jesse

Well that was a fast month! I hope everyone had a well deserved break in April and spent lots of time with family and friends.

Math: We are one week into our geometry unit and students are working on learning perimeter and area of a 2D shape. Students are also working on determining the best units to use to measure various things. Next, students will spend time learning about angles and determining how to classify and measure angles in various shapes.

Science: We are all finished with our Chemistry unit and are moving onto Evidence and Investigation. Students will be working on their observation skills and spend some time investigating fingerprints, tracks, materials and even handwriting to better understand forensic science.

Reading: In reading students will be working in small groups to read mystery novels. They will focus on reading and talking each day with their peers. They will identify the elements of fiction as well as the elements that make up a mystery. This will help them in their creation of a mystery story as well.

Writing: In writing, students are getting started on their mystery stories. They will go through all stages of the writing process and publish their stories for a final writing celebration.

Important Dates:

May 18 Book - Grade 6 writing PAT

May 20 - PD day - no school for students

May 28 - Field Trip - grade 6 students will go to Pavan Park with the grade ½'s

