

Teacher's Report PEC Meeting April 11, 2017

K	Kindergarten had just finished learning about insects and birds, and is now starting to learn about different areas of the earth, such as oceans, deserts and forests. They will learn a bit about what kinds of plants and animals live in different habitats.
1	Grade 1 has planted their potatoes and are beginning their unit on plants and how to care for the earth (related to our CISVA theme "Care for Our Common Home"). They are just finishing up a booklet that outlines the events that led up to Easter Sunday and all the illustrations are created with their handprints. :)
2	Grade 2 has been learning about the levels of Canadian government and had our first Grade 2 Council Meeting today. We will be visiting Surrey City Hall next week! We have also been preparing this week to help our Grade 7 buddies in leading Stations of the Cross for the schools Holy Thursday retreat. To prepare for Easter, we discussed the Triduum and made a cross using sequential pictures showing the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection.
4	Their teacher continues to procrastinate in reporting on what's going on :) Grade 4 is finishing up their poetry unit, soon to be starting Fairy tales in Language Arts. Today they made 'Crown of Thorn' wire bracelets as part of their preparation for Easter. Upcoming field trip to the Fort (Fort Langley) in May.
5	We went to the Surrey Museum for a simple machines field trip in March. In Science, we have just begun learning about organ systems.
6	Students will be attending an Apple Workshop on May 9th engaging with sphere-o's
7	<p>We attended Multi-Cultural Day at Holy Cross today; lunch and assembly.</p> <p>We have field trips planned to St. Patrick's Vancouver for the Holy Childhood Mass along with our Grade 2 buddies on May 2.</p> <p>We have a field trip planned to St. Paul's Indian Church in North Vancouver on May 3 to include a blanket exercise with Deacon Rennie: Holy Cross buddies will be joining us for that trip as well.</p> <p>Students are taking turns leading Daily Examen prayers.</p>
Religion	<p>Grade 7 students attended their Confirmation Retreat at Loon Lake along with Grade 7 PREP students. Retreat was hosted by the St. Matthew's Youth Group, who did an excellent job!</p> <p>School-wide Retreat for Holy Thursday.</p>

	<p>Students have been attending morning Mass throughout Lent. In-service for updated curriculum for Kindergarten and Grade 6 taking place in May.</p>
Learning Support	<p>The Learning Resource Team completed 2nd term IEP meetings in February. Mrs. Bourassa attended a 1 week course through POPARD in February to learn the basics of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA). Social skills groups have been organized for students with social learning goals, and these are facilitated by teachers and EAs at lunch time. There are currently 4 social groups operating which target the social learning goals for 8 students. (Peers who are seen as “expert players” and good role models round out the social groups.) These groups are proving to be very successful.</p> <p>Sales for the Scholastic Book fair were around \$3500, the school is getting back just under \$2000 in reward credit from Scholastic. We used credits from past book fairs, we bought almost \$2500 worth of math and science manipulatives, and classroom resources.</p>