



... from Mrs. Silverthorne

... and just like that it's May! We are so busy this month! With trips, track and field, special days and EQAO, this month is going to fly by! Students should be working hard to demonstrate their learning as end of year reports are looming ahead in June. Many students have shown improvement over the year, and this determination will be reflected in their assessments. I continue to send "Remind" messages and regularly use "to be finished this week" lists to help students keep on track with their assignments. However, I cannot emphasize enough that it is the students who are ultimately responsible for their own learning and behavior.


EQAO is coming up! Our test dates will be May 28-30. Please ensure that your student is present for those three days.



In Language, we be focused on honing our skills in writing clear, organized responses in preparation for EQAO, and will continue to use practice assessments to this end. We have a few more technical areas to focus on, specifically in grammar and editing. We will also be focusing on messages in the media, and how to think critically about the messages we are encountering every day.

We are zooming right along in math! We have a finish line that we can see ahead, and need to absorb as many concepts as we can before the big assessment. Students wrote a test last week that assessed their understanding of fractions, decimals and percents. We are now exploring transformations (ask your students about the "Grade 6" names for the three transformations). We will then investigate probability before taking some time to review the curriculum so it is fresh in students' minds as they participate in EQAO.



 In Social Studies, we are wrapping up our unit in Canada's Interactions with the Global Community with a project on a major global issue. Students will be expected to research the problem, find out what Canada is doing to help, and make an action plan to help solve the problem. Our discussions throughout this unit, aided by current events introduced by students each day, continue to be thought-provoking and critical of the ways of the world. We are soon starting to explore electricity in Science, including the impact on our world of creating and storing electricity (another global issue!).

Track and Field is in a couple of weeks, so we are busy getting ready during gym class.

Have a great May!!
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