



# Ms. Ko's Grade 2 Class

Throughout the month of July, the Grade 2's have been exploring the multiple usages of water and how it is important to have fresh, clean water for people, animals, and plants. They read and wrote about water pollution, water conservation, built a water wheel to test on the rooftop garden, and visited the wetlands at Kortright Centre for Conservation. We also made mini pizzas, created art pieces using mixed media, and visited the Bloor/Gladstone Library as well as High Park.





# Kevin Sylvester Author Visit



On Tuesday July 12, 2016, the grade 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 7/8A, and 7/8B classes were lucky enough to have a visit from the incredible Canadian author, Kevin Sylvester. Kevin is best known for his Neil Flambe series, as well as his Sports Hall of Weird books. He was also a popular sportscaster for 20 years.

Kevin is a dynamic, engaging, and funny presenter. He spoke with students about his books. He shared awesome and weird facts about athletes, like the baseball player who missed the playoffs due to a Guitar Hero wrist injury, and the player whose own dentures bit him when he slid into second base. He demonstrated how all students are authors and capable of creating amazing stories in their minds and on paper- what did you see when the girl ran through the glowing door in the forest???

He also shared some cartooning/drawing lessons with students filled with good advice and lots of laughs. We are sure that students have now loosened up their hands when they draw, use lots of shapes, and don't worry so much about making mistakes.

We hope that you had a great time with Kevin Sylvester! He certainly enjoyed meeting all of you!



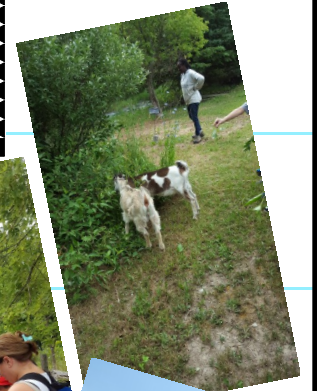


# Kortright Trip On July 11



On July 11, students in grades 2, 3/4, 4/5, and 5/6 went on their trip to Kortright Centre for Conservation in Vaughan. The grade 2 and 3/4 classes attended the Wetland Discovery workshop. They really enjoyed learning about the wildlife and organisms in the pond at Kortright. They investigated, asked questions, and discovered why wetland habitats are so important to plants, animals, humans, and the environment. They also played a variety of fun and interactive nature games.

The grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes participated in the Kite Flying Fun workshop. They learned about the principles of flight and how structures and animals are designed to maximize their flying abilities. The classes had a great time putting their new knowledge to the test when they tried to fly their own kites. It is always fun to see the students running down the hills and the joy of seeing their kites take flight!





# Kortright Trip on July 18



On July 18, it was both our kindergarten classes, as well as the grade 1 and 1/2 class' turn to go to Kortright! They were all very excited to be boarding the buses for their adventure.

All classes participated in the Nature Exploration workshop. The knowledgeable staff at Kortright showed all students the amazing plants and animals that are native to the area. Students, teachers, and volunteers enjoyed a nature hike through the many fields and forests of Kortright. It was lots of fun running down the hills, but realizing they had to go back up them after wasn't as exciting!

Students also got to explore and learn about some wildlife in the area. They got to feel different furs and feathers to understand more about animals. The classes also enjoyed playing interactive games in the forest. We are glad that the weather cooperated with us and hope that everyone had a great time!



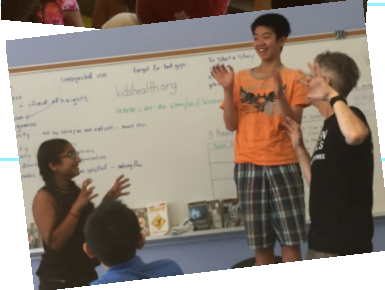


# Ted Staunton and Richard Scrimger Author Visits

Our kindergarten to grade 2 classes were lucky enough to have a visit from not one, but TWO amazing, hilarious, and entertaining Canadian authors. Ted Staunton and Richard Scrimger delighted our students with songs and stories. Students had a great time laughing at Puddle Man and his tricks, and Bun Bun and her birthday party.

More highlights of the visit included pretending to be up to our noses in mud, singing along to favourite folk songs, and hearing some more super entertaining story telling. They also showed us how their ideas get turned into a book.

We hope that all students enjoyed the visit and learned something about being an author!



Our grade 7/8A class also had the chance to attend a special two-day story writing workshop with Richard and Ted. They spoke about their popular young adult series that they wrote with five other Canadian authors, The Seven Series and The Seven Sequels. Ted and Richard's books are unique because the characters in their books are brothers. They spoke about how to successfully collaborate with someone else to write an amazing story.

Students then used this knowledge to plan their own unique stories in small groups. There were some interesting ideas- fire breathing mermaids and teleporting kids just to name a few. The class even got to hear some excerpts from Ted and Richard's new books that are being released this fall. It was an exciting and thrilling two days!

