

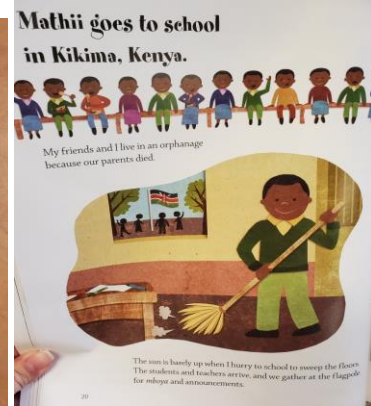
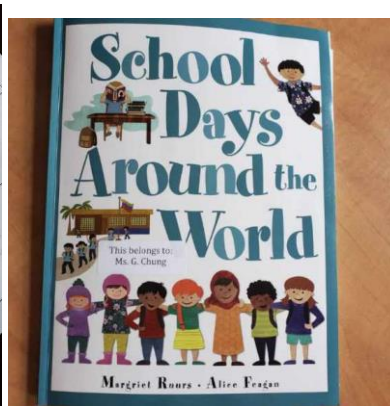
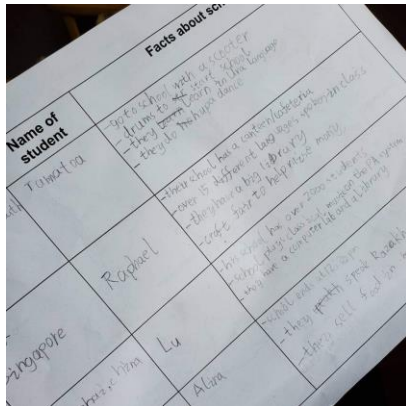
Friday, February 26, 2021

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine!

Please see below for our updates:

Around the World with Ms. Chung's Class



That's right!! Ms. Chung's class is embarking on a journey to meet 14 students from around the world. Each of their school environment is different but they all encourage the love of learning and play. The students are very excited to travel virtually using videos and books. During their travels, they are learning to take jot-dot notes and engage in discussions using rich vocabulary. They are learning about the history, culture and the traditions of various countries and are gaining global perspectives. The students are also learning comparing schooling between different countries.

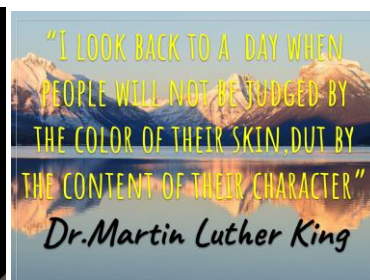
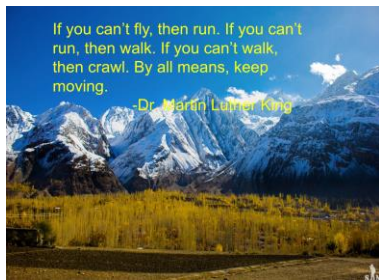
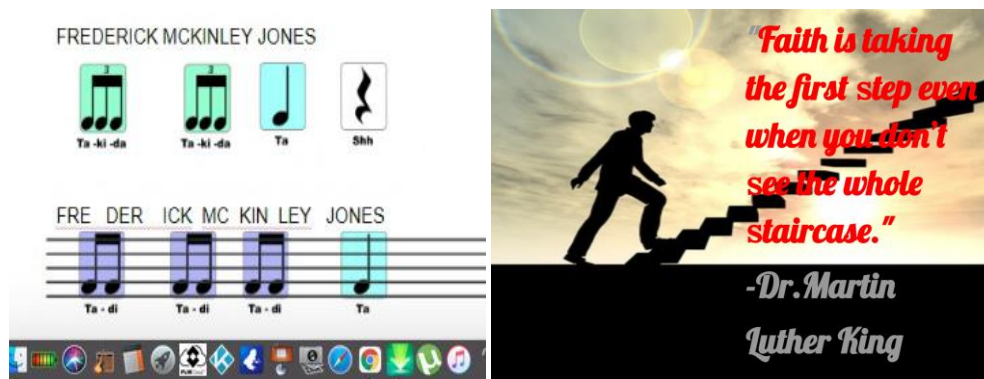
Fun in the Snow – Ms. London's Class



With all that packing snow, our students had a lot of fun building snow structures and tobogganing. Ms. London's students had a great time this week building snow structures. Some of the snow structures were as tall as the students! They enjoyed this outdoor team-building activity.

News from Mr. Drakos' Class

Our pivot back to in-school learning has been a positive one for our students. Our students continue to successfully use the excellent online learning tools of ReadWorks, Epic! Books, Khan Academy, Prodigy Math. We'd like to share an interesting cross-curricular activity that involves combining musical education (led by our virtual music teacher, Mr. Bryan Huntley) and what we have been studying about the many contributions of Black inventors over the past few hundred years. Students have taken a Black inventor's full name, broken their name into syllables and creating a rhythm that is 8 bars in length. We'd also like to share some examples of posters created by students in Google Drawings on the topic of the influential writings of Dr. Martin Luther King.



TDSB Student Health Pass

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, is for [students](#) to screen themselves daily for any symptoms of COVID-19 and also follow the circumstances in which they should stay home. The update is that everyone in a household must now complete the updated COVID-19 screening daily. It is critical that your child's [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) dated and signed every day and they have it with them at the morning entry time. Without the health pass, the students will not be able to join the class until it is signed by the parent/guardian. We kindly ask you to make this part of your family's morning routine to keep our school community safe.

Dressing for the Weather

As the winter weather is upon us and will continue for the next few months, please send your children prepared for the weather and to spend time outside. Teachers will also endeavour to take their students outside as much as possible and to provide opportunities for them to take a break from wearing their mask so appropriate clothing for the weather, including rain, is essential. Toronto Public Health is recommending that the children experience outdoor play on a regular basis for both physical and mental well-being. Please see the attached file for more details.

Parking Lot

During pick-up and drop-off times, please park your vehicles on the street, as the parking lot is only for our daycare and school staff use. When parents use the parking lot for dropping off students, it not only creates traffic congestion and delaying the staff from entering school building on time, but also contributes to some serious safety concerns as we see children walking through the parking lot. We also ask that the families use the walkways on either side of the parking lot rather than walking through the middle of the parking lot.

Thank you and have a great weekend 😊

Krishna Kumar