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*Character
Matters!*

Grandfather Teaching: BRAVERY

Doing something right even if it is hard to do.

Character Trait: PERSEVERANCE

We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.



March Calendar

3	Rhythmic By Nature Drumming
9	Family Skating at EG Complex 5-6pm
11	Therapy Dogs Visit Gr. 3/4 , 5/6 & CC
12	Great Big Crunch
13	Therapy Dogs Visit Kindergarten, Gr.1/2
16-20	March Break
27	Spirit Day- Crazy Hair Day

SAVE the DATE!

Come & Have Fun! Everyone Welcome!

Please consider bringing a donation for the food bank

Don't forget your helmet and mitts!

FREE QPS Family Skating
EG Sports Complex



- **FREE!**
- Fun for the entire family!
- If skates are needed, please contact the school, there may be extra skates available

March 9
5-6 pm



MATH & The ARTS

Have you ever realized how much creativity there is in math? The Arts (visual arts, music and dance) are creative mediums that are interconnected with mathematical concepts and reasoning. When children are engaged in the Arts they are developing their artistic skills as well as their mathematical skills in a variety of areas (e.g., spatial reasoning, proportional reasoning and problem solving). Artists work creatively and flexibly with geometric shapes, scaling, patterns, fractions and many more mathematical concepts. The Arts is a playful way to inspire young mathematicians.

Here are some activities to try with your child:

Paper Folding

1. Fold your paper into a triangle that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is a triangle.
2. Fold your paper into a square that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is a square.
3. Fold your paper into an isosceles triangle that does not include any edges of the paper. Convince a skeptic that it is an isosceles triangle.

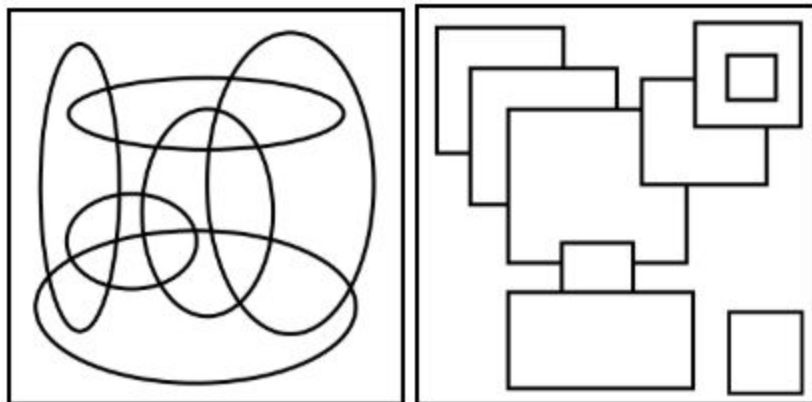
Boaler, Jo. Mindsets Mathematics: Visualizing and Investigating Big Ideas: Grade 4, 2017

Painting by Numbers by nrich <https://nrich.maths.org/7020&part=>

With painting by numbers, a line drawing is split into regions which are to be painted according to the rules that:

- 1) No two regions of the same colour can share a border
- 2) Two regions of the same colour are allowed to meet at a point.

Consider these two images, one made from intersecting ellipses and one made from overlapping rectangles (include the outer square boundaries in the image)



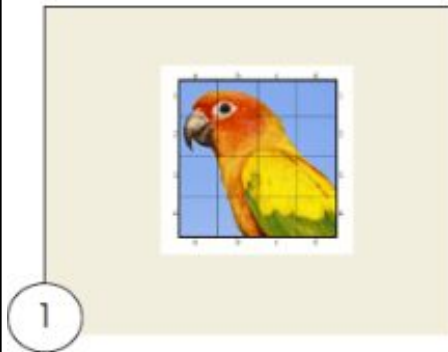
What is the smallest number of colours needed to colour these pictures according to the colouring rules? Prove your results clearly.

For more information on this task:
<https://nrich.maths.org/7020&part=>

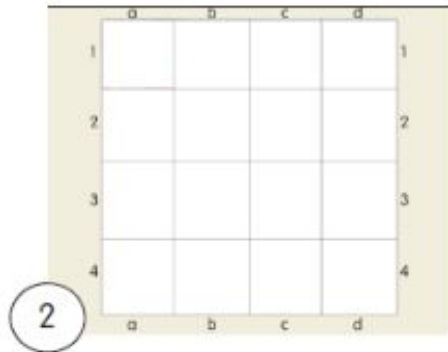


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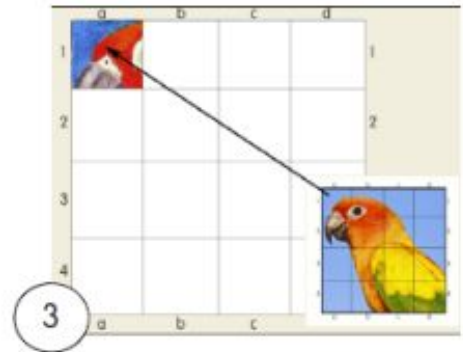
Picture This from Artful Math by Crayola



1 Find a photograph you want to enlarge. Draw a grid on top of the photograph. Assign a letter to each column of the grid and a number to each row.



2 Draw and label a corresponding grid on a larger piece of paper, at least twice as large as the photograph and of the same proportions.



3 Use the letter/number combinations to find the corresponding sections. Draw the shapes in each section of the photograph in the corresponding section of the larger grid.

https://crayolateachers.ca/framework/uploads/2017/05/ArtfulMath_English2017.pdf

For more information about art and math:

https://crayolateachers.ca/framework/uploads/2017/05/ArtfulMath_English2017.pdf

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/matharts/>

<https://plus.maths.org/content/os/issue54/package/index>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



HANDWASHING

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including books, toys, computers, puzzles, and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

Follow these simple steps to help stay healthy:

- Sneeze into the bend of your arm rather than into hands
- Wash hands before preparing or eating food
- Wash hands after using the bathroom, nose blowing, sneezing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors and visiting someone who is sick
- Wash hands whenever they look or feel dirty.

Together we can take simple steps to help stop the spread of infection!

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.

For more information, visit york.ca/infectionprevention



SCHOOL
CROSSING

Please be advised that after March Break, the Town will be removing the crossing guard, mid-day service. Before and after school services will not change. Parents and guardians are asked to supervise students when they are crossing Leslie Street at lunch time. Thank you for your cooperation.



AROUND OUR SCHOOL...



Students were participating in STEM challenges while racing their spheros through their mazes.

In Gr. 3/4, students were making their tallest, free standing structures using toothpicks and jujubes.



Students were engaging in a virtual space that appears realistic using these virtual reality goggles.





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These books were donated to our school in memory of Mr. Baynham's mother.

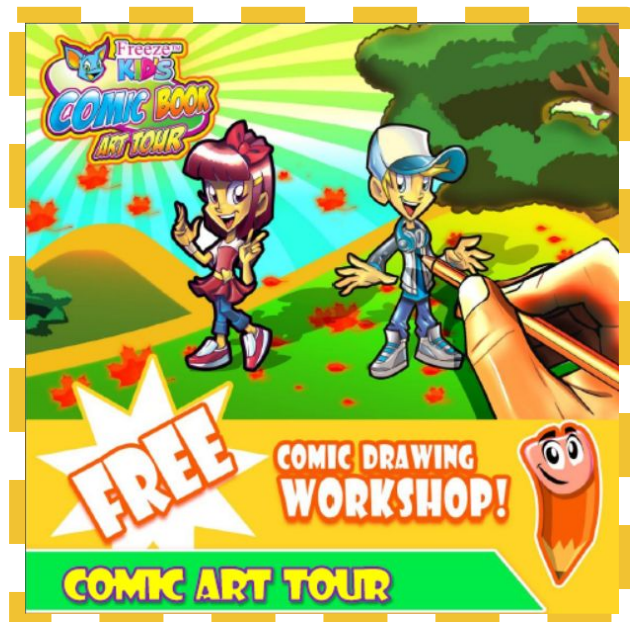
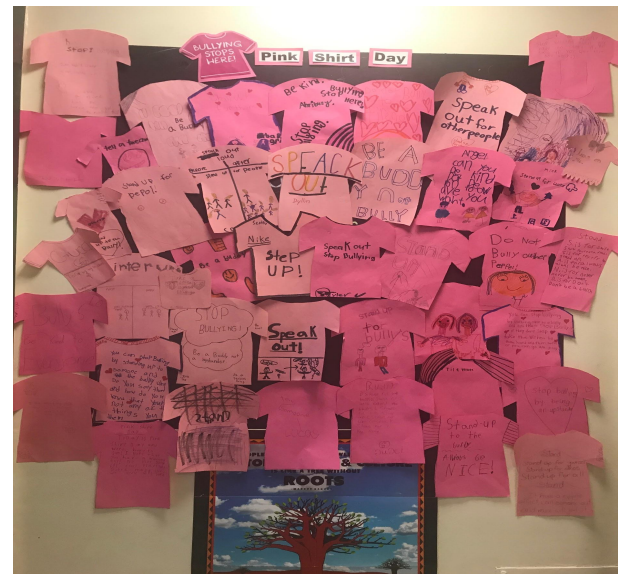


Our students had the opportunity to explore their artistic abilities and developed their self-esteem as they participated in a drawing workshop with professional comic book artists.

February 26, 2020

#PINKSHIRTDAY

There was sea of pink shirts @QPS on February 26. Our students chose to say NO to bullying and YES to kindness.





AROUND OUR SCHOOL...



February 19th was “I Read Canadian” Day. Students learned about many Canadian authors and celebrated them by making bookmarks and playing a Canadian author Bingo game. We recognized the rich Canadian literature we have in our own Learning Commons.



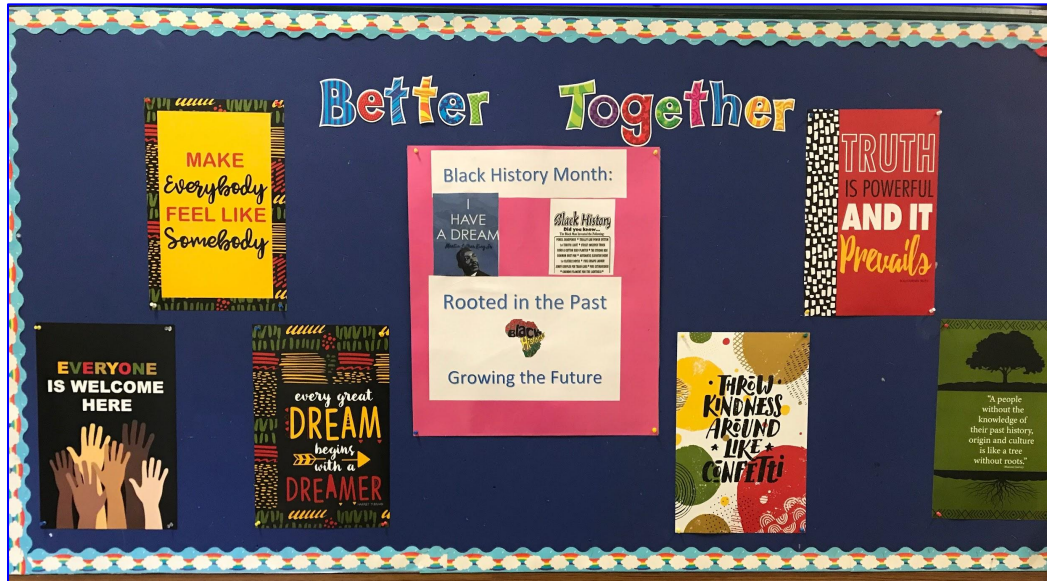
Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for making and serving us yummy pancakes for lunch. They were delicious!

Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Mitchell celebrated 100 days of school with their classes. These ladies will always be young at heart.





AROUND OUR SCHOOL...



February was Black History Month, a time to reflect on the stories, experiences, and accomplishments of Canada's black community. Every day in February, we read the profile of a black Canadian who made major contributions to Canada's culture and legacy.



It was a beautiful morning for our Winter Walk Day. The best part of the morning was enjoying warm hot chocolate after the walk.



Students learn to be good stewards of our environment while taking care of our feathery friends, by feeding them.



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education of students in your school. Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you the opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education and an accountable education system for the children of Ontario. Your participation can make a difference! Our next tentative School Council Meeting will be at 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons on: April 6th, May 4th. All are welcome!



We continue to welcome nut free granola bars, cereal, gift cards, and/or fresh fruit donations for our morning snack program. Thank you for your support! Thank you, parents, for volunteering your time to shop for and then to wash and prepare our fresh fruits so they can be served to our students in the mornings.

In a very engaging and entertaining presentation, author, singer, and motivational speaker, **Sara Westbrook**, shared with Sharon and Queenville families **3 Habits of Resilient Families**.



Our school council treasurer, John, and his family, enjoyed the Marlies' victory in over time!





April