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On Thursday, January 13th, 2011 Mr Lawrenson's Grade 5, 6 and 8 class began their latest adventure! The class trudged through the back fields and knee deep snow, making their way to the Prince Edward Curling Club, where most of the class had their first ever curling experience. The class was very excited about the trip, and had been anticipating it for some time.

The students listened carefully as experienced curlers explained the ropes and gave them their first lesson. The friendly, passionate curlers shared their curling wisdom and gave insight into the technique and finer details of the sport.

The class learned a great deal on their first outing, including the basic rules of the sport, how to slide a rock, how to make the rock curl, what a "burn" was, and how to sweep properly (which involves yelling and responding to the command "Harderrr!", naturally).

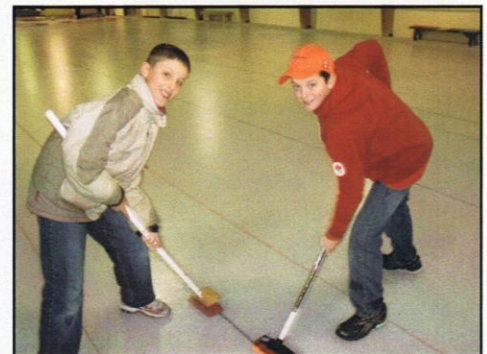
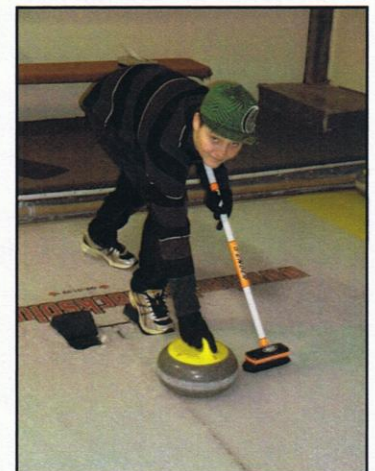
Given that it was their first experience ever, many students demonstrated a natural ability and show great curling potential.



Thankfully, this first experience was not the end of the adventure, as the class continued to travel back for more visits in the following weeks. This has allowed them to learn even more, fine-tune their skills, and continue to have a whole lot of fun while they're at it.

Our thanks go to the P.E.C.C. for opening their doors and giving

us this great opportunity.



In case anyone is interested in trying curling themselves, or in bringing the whole family along for an afternoon of curling goodness, the P.E.C.C. will be holding a curling open house on Family Day (February 21st) from 2-5 p.m. During this time, the young and old may go to the club to learn about and try out the sport at no cost.

Juno-nominated
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(Pavlo, Rik Emmett and
Oscar Lopez)
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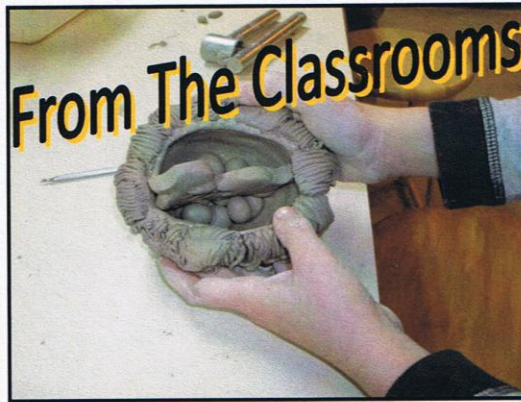
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"Clay with Linda"

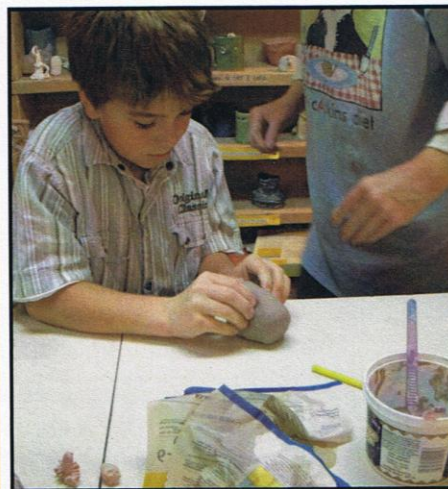
Before Christmas the grade 3 and 4 class travelled to Kingston for a pottery lesson. Linda Abbott of "Clay with Linda" gave us a quick lesson and then let our hands and imaginations go to work to design our own unique clay pots.

We each started with our own ball of clay in which the first job was to get all of the air out of. This was one of the fun parts! It is not often you get to smack something down on the table with force over and over and over. Using a wire we then carefully cut our clay brick in half. We used our thumb to put a hole in the middle and then worked our way around pinching the clay in order to make what is called a pinch pot.

Once our bowl shape was made we could then work on the designing part. She had all kinds of cool things to help us create our own unique pots. Our class really enjoyed working the garlic press and as a result a few of us made our own bird nests. We then left our pots in her capable hands until the next time she was going to be using the kiln.



Our pots arrived back at school just in time for Christmas holidays. We had time to paint them and wrap them up to be used as Christmas gifts. We really enjoyed the trip and the chance to learn more about clay and pottery. It was really fun!



We want to thank Linda Abbott, owner of "Clay with Linda" for giving the students an opportunity to learn hands on about pottery.

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About PAVLO, RIK EMMETT and OSCAR LOPEZ



An amazing guitar trio of Mediterranean Magic, Triumphant Fusion & Hot Latin Fire has arrived. P.R.O.'s incredible musical chemistry was born out of the joy, respect and friendship found in the making of great music.

Three artists from widely different backgrounds have forged an intense cultural melting pot of their unique styles.

This collaboration has resulted in their debut release, "TRIFECTA", a group of songs that offer a fresh approach to World Music - an intense cultural melting pot of their unique styles.

- from The Grand Theatre website.

Great seats are still available for this one night only benefit concert in support of Sonrise Christian Academy.

For more information about this concert see the advert on the left side panel.

Playground Update



The playground committee is working hard and is so happy to be closer to our goal!!!

Currently we have raised just over 1/4 of the total cost of a new playground!!! Thanks for everyone's hard work at the Soccer tournament canteen and summer TV pickup.

We have also received donations from various friends of Sonrise to go toward the new playground. Thank you also to those individuals for your generous gift!! As of now, we are still working towards our goal and prayerfully finding ways to fundraise.

We plan to present the new playground design to local service clubs and churches. Please consider donating towards the new playground and helping us find new fundraising ideas, or supporting any fundraising events coming up.

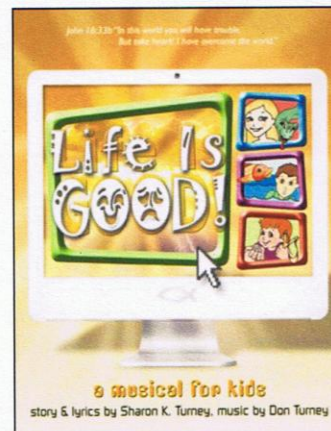
Thanks again,
The Sonrise Playground Committee

Coming this spring!

The students of Sonrise Christian Academy will be presenting a spring musical entitled, "Life is Good." The theme verse for the musical is from John 16:33b, *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Through the musical the children agree that life isn't always so good. Yet by looking at the lives of Jonah, Noah, Job and David the children discover the real joy of the Lord!

Watch for upcoming dates and locations you will not want to miss this exciting production.



Consider Enrolling Your Child At Sonrise Christian Academy

Whether your child is entering Junior Kindergarten, Grade 3 or Grade 8 it is never too late to have your child experience the benefits of quality Christian education.

Sonrise offers a Christ-centred learning environment that helps children to reach their full God-given potential. Register your child for the third term or register early for the 2011-2012 school year.



Registration is available at any time.

Children entering Junior or Senior Kindergarten next year will have the opportunity to enjoy a morning of kindergarten at our annual Kindergarten Day on Wednesday, May 4th.

The Principal's Desk



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Many parents worry that split grades are not always the most conducive to learning. They have fears that may include worry about wasted time, distractions, and not enough individualized attention. I have been asked numerous times throughout the years how children learn in a 2 or 3 grade split classroom. After 15 years of teaching in a split grade classroom I consider myself a little bit of an expert. Personally, as a teacher I enjoy the challenge of teaching multiple grades and as an educator I appreciate the learning benefits for students.

- Students develop quiet independent work habits as they learn the routine of working quietly on their own as the other class is receiving their lesson. They become more self-motivated and responsible for their own work.
- Children in the younger grade in a classroom receive an early introduction to their lessons they will be having in the next grade. This not only takes away some of the anxiety of the unknown but also builds up an anticipation of what is going to be happening in the following grade.
- In contrast students in the older grade in the room have a constant review of concepts previously taught. This helps to both solidify concepts and build confidence in their own understanding of curriculum material.
- A lot of time is saved at the beginning of the year establishing routines and expectations. Since, especially in the case of our school there is at least one grade that has already had that teacher and therefore the routines and expectations are already known by a portion of the students. The younger students coming into the room easily adapt as they follow the example of the older students.
- Combined grades helps students develop leadership skills and provides an opportunity for them to work together to master concepts.

I have developed both a love and appreciation for small schools and combined grades. These two features combined with a Christ-centred learning environment truly allow our school to provide education with a difference!

-Mrs. Julie A. Scrivens

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