TORONTO FRENCH MONTESSORI SCHOOL

April 2025 Newsletter

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Principal's message to the parents of TFMS

Dear TFMS Families,
April has been a month rich with reflection, celebration, and growth here at school. We began the month by celebrating **Eid**, a joyful time marking the end of Ramadan. It was an opportunity for students to learn about compassion, generosity, and the importance of community. The joy and cultural sharing that came with our Eid celebration set a beautiful tone for the weeks ahead.

Soon after, our attention turned to the **Holy Week of Passover and Easter**. These moments offered a meaningful space for our students to explore themes of **forgiveness, renewal, and rebirth**—values that are not only at the heart of these holidays but also essential to our day-to-day interactions as a school community. Through thoughtful discussions and age-appropriate activities, we helped students understand how learning from the past and forgiving ourselves and others can open the door to growth and new beginnings.

This month also marked an important academic milestone for our **Elementary students from Grade 1 to Grade 8**, as they took part in the **Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT)**. We are incredibly proud of their focus, perseverance, and the hard work they demonstrated throughout the process. These assessments help us gain valuable insights into student learning and celebrate the progress we've made together. Parents will receive their child's CAT assessment along with their child's final report card in June.

As we continue through spring, I encourage all of us—students, staff, and families—to carry these lessons forward. Let's model kindness, patience, and resilience. Whether it's trying something new, offering help to a classmate, or simply showing up with a positive attitude, every small act contributes to the strong and caring culture we are building together at TFMS.

Thank you for your continued support, and for the many ways you show up for our community. The energy and dedication of our families are what truly make this school thrive.

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead!
Yours in Education,

Mme. Rhoda
Principal

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MAY 2025

Mother's Day Breakfast	**Fri May 9, 2025 Stouffville**
Mother's Day Breakfast	**Mon May 12, 2025 Willowdale**
PA Day	**Fri May 16, 2025**
Victoria Day	**Mon May 19, 2025**
Technology #4 Presentation	**Wed May 21, 2025**
Library Day	**Thurs May 22, 2025**
Spring Bazaar - Willowdale	**Fri May 23, 2025**
Planting Day-Willowdale	**Tues May 27, 2025**
Planting Day-Stouffville	**Thurs May 29, 2025**
TPL: Innovation Hub Excursion (Gr 4-8)	**Thurs May 29, 2025**
Pizza/Civies	**Fri May 30, 2025**

JUNE 2025

Career Day – Willowdale	**Tues June 3, 2025**
Uniform Exchange Day - Willowdale	**Fri June 6, 2025**
Technology #5 Presentation	**Wed June 11, 2025**
Library Day	**Thurs June 12, 2025**
Father's Day	**Sun June 15, 2025**
Spirit Week	**Mon June 16, 2025**
Last Day of Classes	**Thurs June 19, 2025**
Yr End Concert, Grad, Carnival	**Fri June 20, 2025**

Avril

Avril est un mois de beaucoup de célébrations, comme Pâques, la journée de la Terre, Lent et beaucoup plus. La pâque est une célébration chrétienne qui célèbre la résurrection de Jésus Christ et comment Jésus c'est ressuscité pour nous, pour nous enlever des péchés. Le Pâques généralement dure trois jours, le vendredi jusqu'à le lundi pâque. Pendant ce temps, les gens vont à l'église, ils prennent du temps pour une réunion de famille et des amis ou ils prennent un grand repas qui contient la plupart de temps l'anneau et mangent tous ensemble.

Cette année, l'école a célébré Pâques en faisant un assemblé, ou on a pu faire des présentations et parler de ce que c'est Pâques. On a aussi essayé différentes nourritures que les personnes mangent durant Pâques et savoir ce qu'il symbolise.
Une autre façon de célébrer Jésus en avril est la période de Lent, ou les catholiques ou les chrétiens ne peuvent pas manger de viande, poisson, produits laitiers, chocolats, bonbons ou alcool pour une période de 40 jours.

Un autre jour que nous célébrons en avril est le jour de la Terre qui est un événement mondial qui se passe le 22 avril. Ce jour est pour viser et souligner l'importance de la protection de l'environnement. Pour ce jour, les personnes participent à ramasser la poubelle que les gens laissent tomber, planter des nouveaux arbres et sensibiliser la population à protéger notre terre et comment peut-on l'aider.

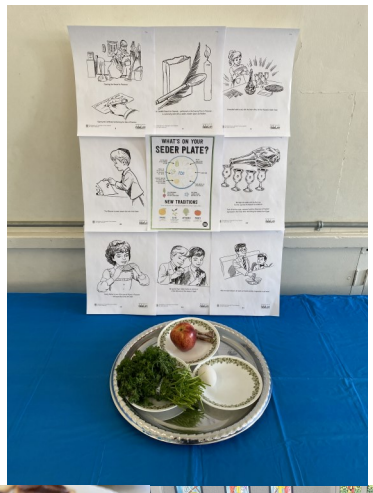
Notre école a contribué à ramasser les poubelles du quartier à côté de l'école.

Au mois d'avril on a eu beaucoup de différents jours spéciaux et célébrations culturelles, et je suis excité de voir les différentes célébrations qu'on va faire dans les prochains mois !

Janel
Grade 7

PASSOVER

During our recent school presentation, Leah, Mimi, Janel, and Rochelle shared insights about the traditions of Passover, followed by a video segment featured by Bella. Students explored the symbolism of key Seder plate items: the horseradish reminded us of the bitterness of slavery, and the salt water represented the tears shed by the Israelites. In contrast, sweet elements like apple butter and coconut macaroons highlighted the joy and freedom celebrated during the holiday. The students also had the opportunity to experience the tradition of Passover firsthand, sampling items from a traditional Seder dinner, including matzah, horseradish, and salt water. *Mr. Sam*



















The Holy Week

What is the holy week?

The holy week is the week that is before Easter. The Holy week is made up of 7 days. The first day is on Sunday. This Sunday is called Palm Sunday. This was the day when Jesus came into Jerusalem and people were waving palm branches.

On the second day, it is Holy Monday. Holy Monday was the day when Jesus cleansed the temple and cursed the fig tree.

The 3rd day is called Holy Tuesday, this day is also known as Fig Tuesday. This is when people do church services.

The next day is Holy Wednesday or also known as Spy Wednesday. On this day, this is when Judas decided to spy on the disciples.

The fourth day is called Maundy Thursday, the day when Jesus and His disciples had the last supper.

The fifth day is called Good Friday, and this is the day when Jesus was crucified.

The sixth day is called Holy Saturday, and it is the final day of Holy Week, before Easter.

And finally Easter Sunday is the day when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jessica Hunh
Grade 7

Melody Ghalili
Grade 6

Easter

Before the long weekend, our school decided to celebrate Easter! On Wednesday, Mme. Rhoda gave all students graham crackers shaped like adorable bunnies and delicious cookies for all the hard work all students did!

After recess, students made a beautiful project and many had other ideas! After the amazing project, students decided to read their creative writings about Easter and its history. After their amazing presentations, Our casas decided to present and showcase a wonderful play they had created. Their play was very adorable. Their play was about Palm Sunday. Later on, a student volunteered to showcase the arts of the Upper Elementary about Jesus' resurrection. The Upper Elementary made lots of amazing arts.

After these creative presentations, we got many treats! We had grape juice and delicious hot cross buns! Many students enjoyed their snacks in their classes! While eating their snacks, students also enjoyed the video about the history of Easter and The Resurrection of Jesus.

At the end of the day, many students were given Easter eggs that they could open once they got home or left! In the Easter eggs, there were adorable erasers and delicious fruit snacks.

Many students enjoyed this day and enjoyed their long weekend!

Jessica Hunh
Grade 7















THE CELEBRATION OF EID AT TFMS



Earth Day

Earth Day is the day that people around the world are encouraged to save energy and to help the planet earth. It began On April 22, 1970 in the United States of America. Earth day gives us a chance to remind ourselves of our bigger home, the planet Earth. As children of the planet Earth, we must do our best to keep mother nature safe for the future. For example, we can clean the earth by collecting garbage. Also, we can save energy by saving light.

On Earth Day, at TFMS the Upper Elementary students collected garbage and recyclables from around the school. Our teacher, Ms. Katie, paired us in partners to collect garbage. We students collected garbage such as diapers, kids underwear , plastic and some red bulls (a drink) !!!

Aafarin Rizvi

Grade 4



EARTH DAY











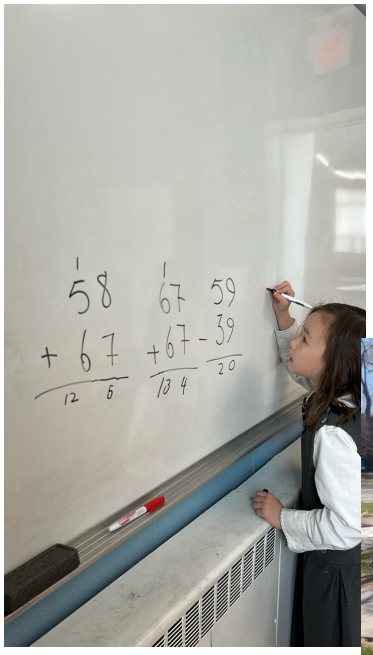


LOWER ELEMENTARY FRENCH

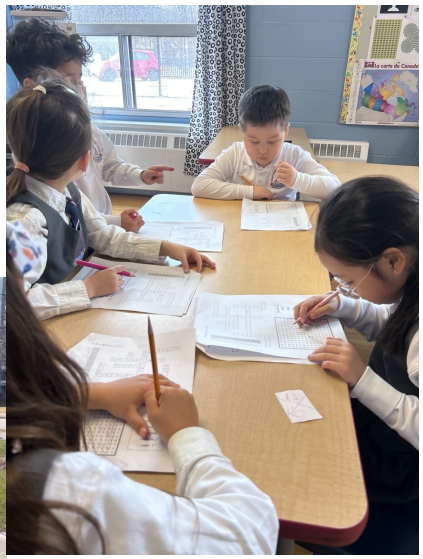
Dear parents,

We've been putting in a solid effort and are feeling optimistic about gaining even more momentum in the final stretch of the school year. The kids are doing well, navigating challenges with confidence as we continue our journey of discovery and learning. We're moving forward with positivity and purpose."

Best regards,
Mme. Pegah















LOWER ELEMENTARY ENGLISH

This month we had fun learning about graphing and patterning. Students created a peek-a-boo bunny using an A,B,C pattern. We are also enjoying looking for signs of spring and were excited to notice the daffodils blooming. Finally we are almost finished with our novel Charlotte's Web and students are creating dioramas about the story.

Ms. Katie



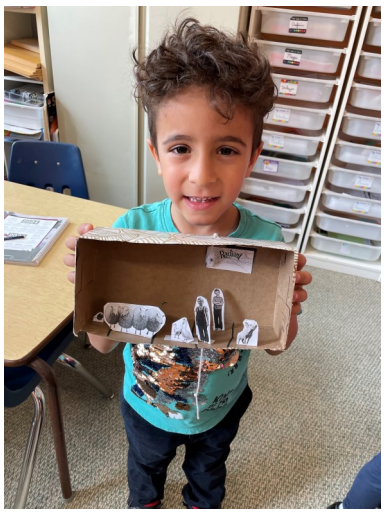














UPPER ELEMENTARY ENGLISH

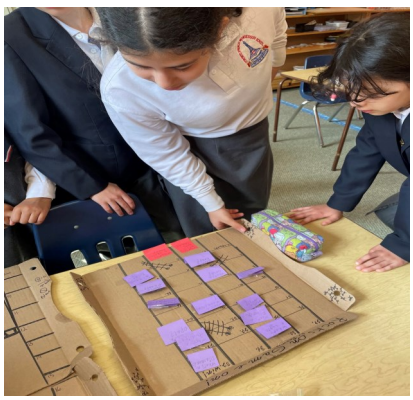
This month the students finally had a chance to share and play their Science Board games. The students created their games based on our recent Science Units about Rocks and Minerals, and Conservation of Energy. It was a fun and creative way to display their knowledge.

Students also enjoyed our ‘Oreo Party’ as a reward for completing their Persuasive writing assignment. Here students got a chance to express their opinion by asking for something, and then writing their ‘wants’ in a persuasive way.

Ms. Katie



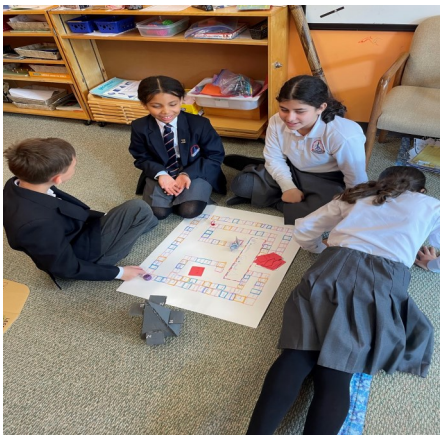
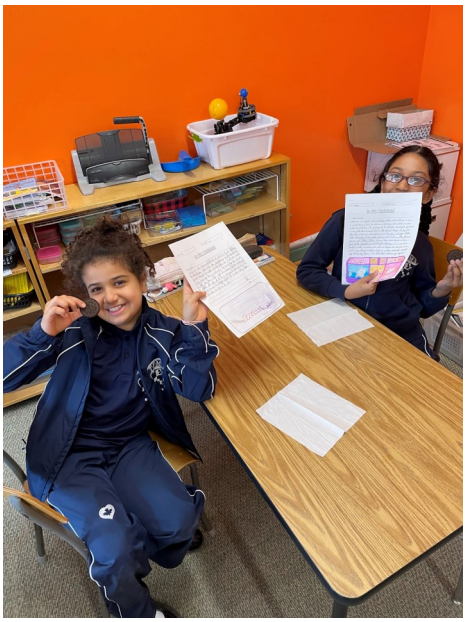
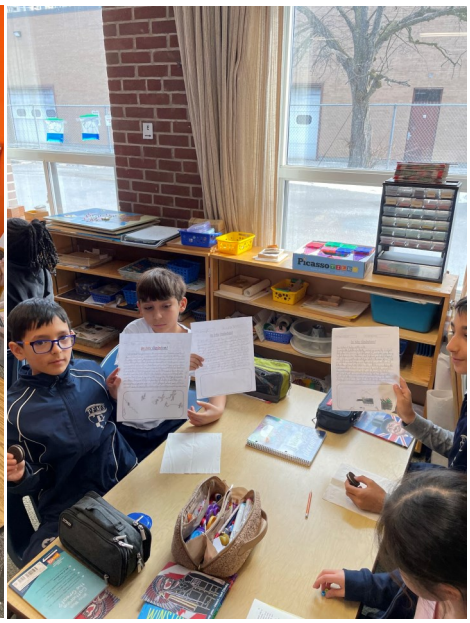












OUR PRIDE, OUR ALUMNI

On Friday, April 25th our elementary students had the unique opportunity to attend a special keynote presentation by one of our *own alumni!*

The presentation titled "Light Up Your Future, Understand Your Past," was delivered by Maiwand *(Class 2021)*, who has returned to inspire the next generation of TFMS learners. In this heartfelt and empowering talk, Maiwand spoke about the importance of dreaming big, learning from past experiences, and recognizing the unique potential each student carries within them.

Through personal stories, moments of reflection, and words of encouragement, our students were reminded that setbacks are not the end—but rather, stepping stones toward a brighter future. It was a message that resonates deeply with all age groups.

Maiwand's back to our school community was most welcome and the students felt uplifted and inspired!

Mme. Rhoda







MATH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to Kaj Lauritsen

Way to go!!





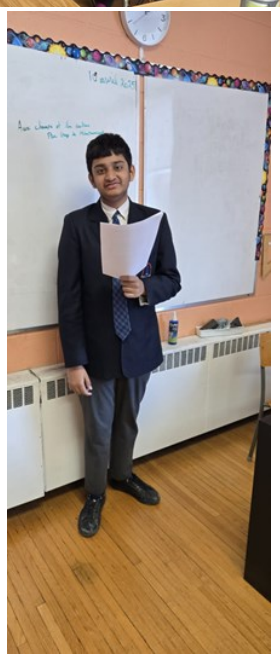
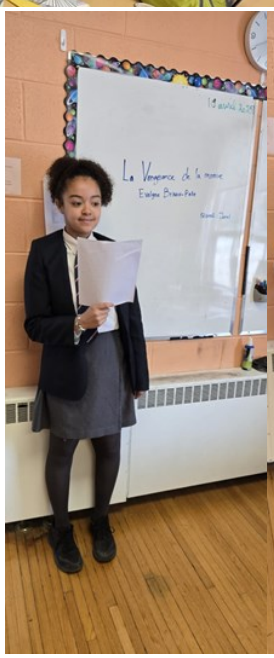
UE and JH FRENCH

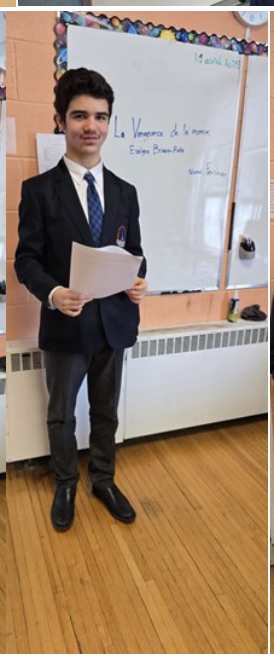
This week, our students participated in a variety of engaging and educational activities. In celebration of Easter and Earth Day, students watched informative and age-appropriate videos that highlighted the significance of these special occasions.
Students in Grades 4 and 5 actively practiced division problems on the board, reinforcing their math skills through hands-on learning.
Meanwhile, students in Grades 7 and 8 presented their report books, showcasing their progress and understanding in various subjects.
As part of our ongoing routine, we continued with our regular spelling tests, verb conjugation exercises, and classroom 'lectures' across all grades.

Mme. Sepideh









ART


The Passion of Christ
I
Jesus is condemned
II
Jesus fall the first time
III
Jesus meets His blessed mother
IV
Simon helps Jesus carry the cross
V
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
VI
Jesus falls the second time
VII
Jesus comforts the women
VIII
Jesus falls for the third time
IX
Jesus is nailed to the cross
X
Jesus dies on the cross
XI
Jesus is taken down from the cross
XII
Jesus is buried in the tomb


Jesus Had Risen..
XIII
Alleluia!!!





Symbols of Chistianity

OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT WILLOWDALE CASA

April at a Glance

During the month of April, Willowdale Casa children were hard at work with the Montessori materials, as well as enjoying the milder weather while playing outside.

This month we learned about Poisson d'avril, and had fun playing the game. Children studied the parts of a fish and made a variety of fish crafts.

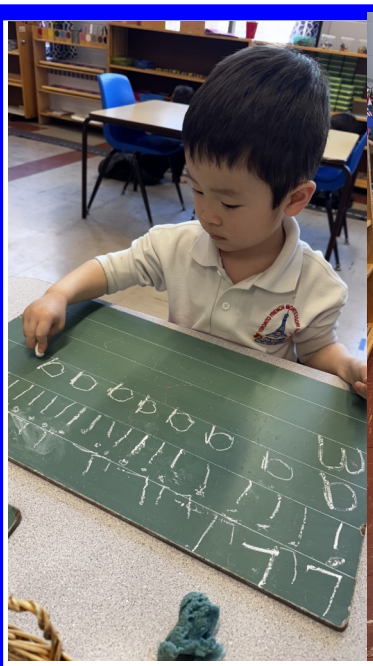
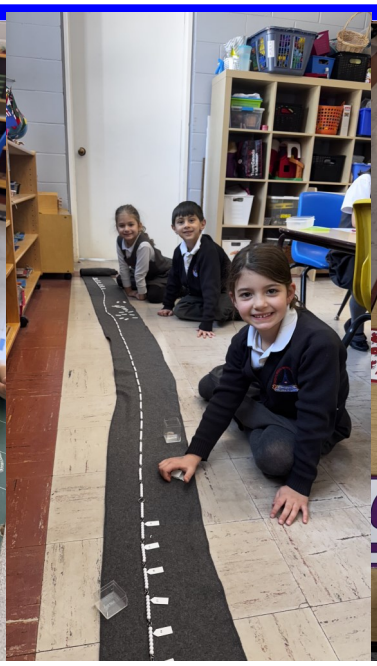
Children made Palm Sunday crafts and reenacted Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

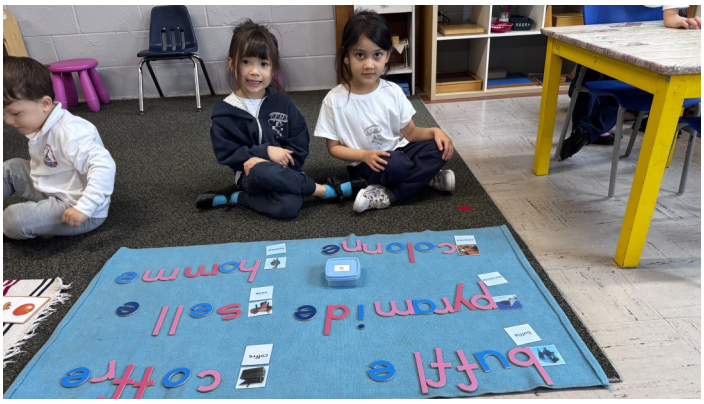
For Easter we made bunny and chick crafts and had an egg hunt as well as participated in the school Easter presentation.

Casa children learned new concepts like how to help keep the Air, Water and Land clean, as we celebrated Earth Day; we talked about the importance of reusing, reducing and recycling, as well as learning names of landforms and water bodies.

Mme. Adina

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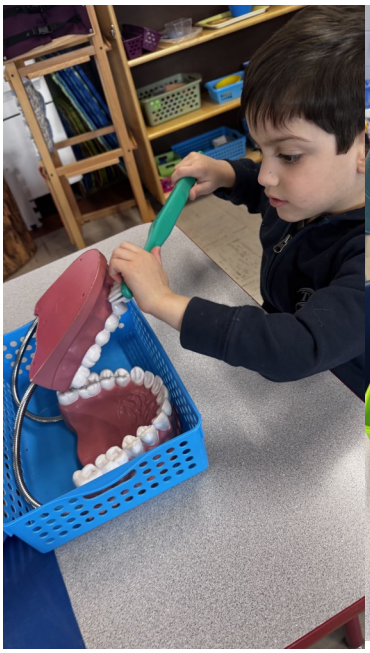
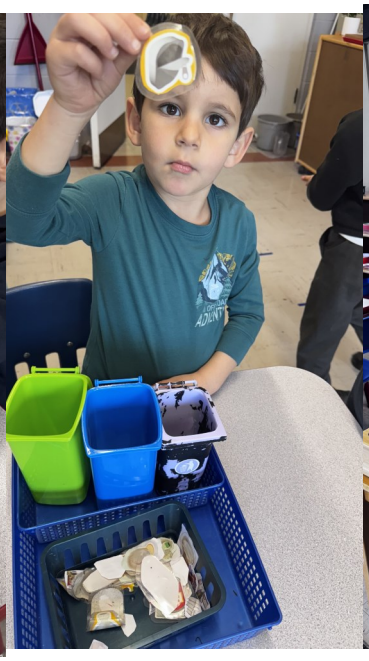
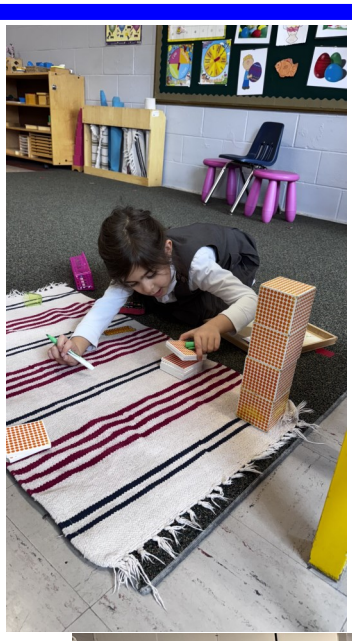





















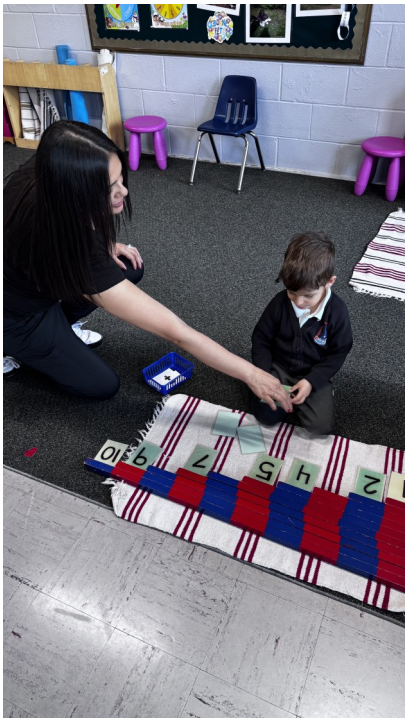



Happy Easter !!













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OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT STOUFFVILLE

The month of April was a busy one. Between Eid, Picture Day, Easter, Earth Day and don't forget the daily work, we had a lot going on…

On April 1st we celebrated Eid. For the occasion, some parents brought pizzas and fruits.

Mme. Christelle



HAPPY EASTER!!!!

We made very nice Easter crafts.



And had a great party with the visit of the Easter Bunny!













And had an egg hunt in the playground!!!



After Easter, we cleaned outside for Earth Day!



and we also worked hard every day!





And made a craft.



FAREWELL DARCHELLE!!!

We'd like to wish good luck to Darchelle and her family who had to go back to Hong Kong.



OUR BUSY BUDDIES AT STOUFFVILLE

Happy Earth Day

















Solar system project












Happy Easter !!









