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Benefits of F.I.

UChicago psychologist shares his No.1 brain hack for critical thinking and memory skills: Think in a foreign language



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Speaking two languages doesn't just expand your ability to communicate globally. It can make you more rational, improve your decision-making skills and boost your memory, says University of Chicago psychology professor David Gallo. "Having a lifetime experience in switching between languages exercises your brain in a way that monolinguals don't get," Gallo, the director of UChicago's Memory Research Laboratory, tells CNBC. "Monolinguals don't develop as rich [mental] connections, and the ability to switch on and off different mental states." Gallo's current work focuses on how speaking multiple languages can affect your cognition. Along with fellow UChicago psychology professor Boaz Keysar, he found something potentially counterintuitive: When you process information in your secondary language, you make more rational and logical decisions.

Access the full article here:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2023/10/28/uchicago-psychologist-thinking-in-foreign-language-is-good-for-brain.html>

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Division 5

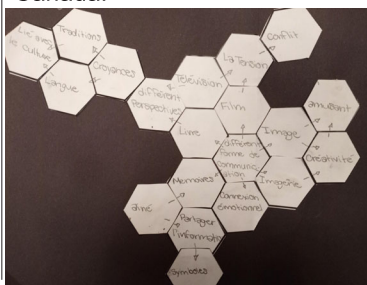


As part of our science unit on Forces, the grade 2 students had to determine whether or not objects were magnetic. Each group had various items to test with magnets, including coins, Lego pieces, and paper clips.



MSS- Grade 10/11

We have two units of study on the go. First, students are learning how different forms of communication communicate their message and the impact it has on their audience. Our second unit is based on traditional storytelling. We are using traditional stories to help us learn about the diversity of cultures in our world and in Canada.



Division 2

In October the students in Division 2 learned how to hand sew. They completed one prescribed project as practice and then applied the skills they had learned to design their own personal project. Here you can see an awesome 3d fire fox, some fire, 2 soccer balls, lots of fruit, some animals, some breakfast, some popsicles, some hockey equipment, and even a rocket. We had lots of fun with this unit and the students were very proud of their final projects. Me too.



Division 1



Pictured above are the rocks the students painted to thank the veterans and the Legion members for their hot lunch donation and for their service. The rocks were donated and put on display at the Legion.

Remembrance Day



Collettsville hosted a trilingual Remembrance Day Ceremony for students, staff and families.

Special guests included Veteran Brian Dustin, Officer Blake Chursinoff, Joan Shackelly, Mason Hintz and Mme Ouimet.

Division 7

Our Kindergarten students have just finished their introduction to the 26 letters of the French alphabet. They have been playing games and enjoying hands on activities in their classroom and with Mathilde to improve their recognition of each letter name and their sound.



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French Immersion Networking

Mme Sigurdsson, Mme Berthelet and Mme Mackay-Smith have been spending some time video conferencing with fellow learning support teachers and teacher-librarians from other French immersion schools in our Southern Interior region. This great networking opportunity has been organized by Joanne Brunel and the Southern Interior Language Coordinator Committee. Participants are able to share and collaborate on books, programs, resources and methodologies being used in our F.I. schools. Our Collettville teachers are enjoying the opportunity to connect and learn from our neighbouring school districts.



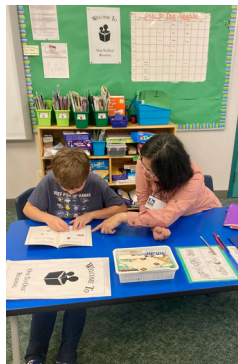
Division 4



We presented 2 poems in French at the Remembrance Assembly: Coquelicot and Dans le champs des obusiers. We learned the significance of the ceremony and the respect we must show to all that served and continue to serve.

One to One Reading

Working in partnership with schools and districts across the province, students read with their One To One tutors regularly in-person, in-school, during school hours throughout the school year. Trained volunteer literacy tutors share their joy of reading and work to build relationships with the students they are reading with. The reading sessions focus on building literacy skills and self-confidence by prioritizing fluency and reading for meaning.



At Collettville we are lucky to have One to One tutors for both English and French Reading. This year's tutors are Judy Guichon, Mary Kibee, Denise Godin, Mary Wong & Vicki Strom. Un grand merci to these lovely volunteers!

Division 3



Water First presenters came from across the country to teach the class all about water. They learned about what's in our water. They learned about how humans and farming can impact the water cycle. They also learned about what salmon need to have a healthy habitat. In this photograph, the students are creating a model of a river and watching how the water flows.

MSS- Grade 9

We have been reading and analyzing French fables. Students have been learning a lot of new vocabulary words to help them better understand traditional fables. Our next step will be modernizing a traditional fable to reflect our modern times.

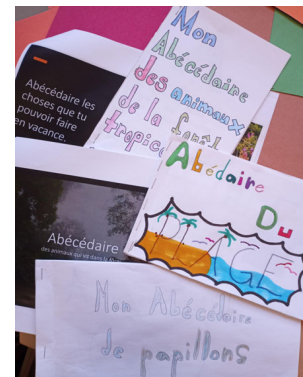


Division 6

The grade ones have been learning some songs about under water creatures! We have pretended to be sharks, octopi, turtles and even mermaids! We also did a couple of art projects where we got to create our own sea creatures!



MSS-Grade 8



Their ABC books are done and were a joy to read. Topics included forest animals, tropical forest animals, vacation activities, butterflies and the beach. Students are now working on writing a narrative text. Their writing skills have improved a lot over the last month.