



Salut familles!

I can hardly believe we are stepping into June already, our last month together! First and foremost, a sincere Thank You for continuing to support your children during remote learning, while allowing them to develop their faith, their learning, and social-emotional skills.

This month, we are celebrating Indigenous Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>, so please continue to check our Brightspace for all upcoming activities and events around this topic. Whether we will be back to in class or remaining online, we are so excited to explore this theme together, as it will be rich in culture, literature, music and art.

Beginning with Math, as you know the curriculum is organized as a spiral, so every month we try to touch on different strands that are explored through different topics – while last month was focused mainly on multiplying and dividing fractions to solve real-life problems, this month we will explore probability and finish our year with a fun financial literacy project. I hope we will enjoy working in groups and show what we've learned!

I really appreciate your support with implementing technology alongside their learning, for example with accessing their personal [Knowledgehook](#) account and completing different missions. In addition, all students now have a [Splashlearn](#) account: children will be playing, collecting coins, and unlocking new worlds, while practicing on activities from the Grade 5 Ontario curriculum. Please do ask your children about what they are currently working on: it can be a great opportunity to relate math to real-life examples also at home!

As for French, every month we focus on a different piece of writing and practice it in our own topics of interests. After writing some interesting autobiographies, both for themselves and made-up characters, this month we will go on a virtual [trip](#) to explore the topic of body confidence: I am excited to walk together along this cross-curricular path!

How can I support my child to reinforce their confidence with French? My number one suggestion is always working on *Je lis* ([Je lis, je lis, littérature ! ONLINE \(rkpublishing.com\)](#)). 15 minutes every night will be so beneficial to your child, so that they can be confident in reading in French and have a much better understanding and mastering of all subjects learnt in French. In alternative, as some of us have completed the Jelis program, I suggest exploring different topics through newspaper articles for young readers: [Info-Jeunes](#). You can either create a free account or use mine, I am happy to share my credentials! Please don't hesitate to reach out for any literacy concern!

Finally, we as a class and school we will be praying together the [Novena](#) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a day of preparation for the Novena followed by 9 consecutive days of prayer. Then from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on June 11<sup>th</sup>, we will pray each day in thanksgiving for all we have received and in supplication for all we still need.

The hope is that we may all join in this devotional prayer seeking the comfort, mercy, strength and love that is shown to us in the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Although remotely, we are trying to continue to feel that connection and belonging to the classroom community. Our routines of morning prayer, daily dedication, meditation, and gratitude help us grow spiritually and as a team. I continue to encourage all students that come to live meetings to be present in the moment, turn on their cameras and show participation, because every little contribution to the class debate is what makes it interactive, engaging, and alive. I appreciate your support by explaining to them how much closer they can feel to their friends if they are “truly” present!

I wish all of you a fantastic last few weeks of learning, enjoyment and growing – join the community with daily activities to celebrate a [Joyful June!](#)

Although shorter and peculiar, it has been a fantastic year with your children and families, who I owe I huge Thank You to for having welcomed me to the St. Leo’s community so warmly and sincerely. I admire and cherish the feeling of trust, belonging, and collaboration, which we built together from Day One. Merci everyone!!

God bless our families,

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