



Collection of texts



Class of 2011-2012

Message to the class of 2011-2012 and to our readers

This collection of texts, summary of activities and photos are a reflection of the work you accomplished this academic year.

All of you have improved in reading, writing and maths skills. These skills got better depending on your attendance, attention, participation, concentration and care of learning.

You have also acquired some important life skills such as good work habits, taking initiative expressing your opinion, being punctual and being present.

All of you worked well together and individually. A friendly atmosphere was present in the classroom along with some good humour. Be proud of what you have accomplished during the year and carry it on until you come back to classes.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our invaluable volunteers: Lillian Forget Strirling, Alysia Tannahill, Susan Gagnon, Stephen Crisp and Maureen Cooney. Your help was very much appreciated by the students and staff.

We thank France Laplante, our director, for all her support throughout the year and we wish her the best as she returns to her humanitarian work in other countries.

We welcome Renée Guernon, newly appointed director of the Learning Centre and look forward to working with her.

Many thanks to Donna Cormier, our staff assistant, for her dedication and hard work with the learners, enhancing their computer skills and planning projects.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful summer. Continue your reading and your search for knowledge.

Roger Bouthillier, teacher



Nigeria

Okanya Chila is my friend from Nigeria. We chat every day on facebook for about three hours.

He is 25 years old. He has four sisters and five brothers. He also helps take care of his brother and sister because he loves the challenges. He is starting his own company. The name is Argo Allied. His company is working to establish a palm kernel oil factory.

Nigeria is the largest black populated country in the world. Nigeria has an area of 923.8sq.m that's about twice the size of California. Nigeria is in Africa.

The population in 2020 will be 152 million people. The languages spoken are English and other language like Hausa and Yorba.

The religions are Muslim and Christian

The health life expectancy in 2011 is 47 years old.

The food of Nigeria includes meat, vegetables like chicken, mutton, lamb, turkey, geese, pidgin, fish, fowl, crab, shrimp and other sea food.

The fruits are bananas, orange, tangerines, pineapples, guacos, watermelons, melons, grapes, limes, mangoes and apples

Nigeria's animals are elephants, buffalos, lions, leopards, side striped jackals, wild dogs, cheetahs, warthog hippopotamuses, hyenas, sheep's, goats, gorillas and a lot different of snakes and antelopes, blue dukes, klipspringers.

Okanya and I talk about everything under the sun like our family and friends.

He talked about coming to Canada some day. It would be great to see each other in person because we are real good friends. He asks me about school all the time, which is great.

He likes to have a copy of the paper I am doing on him. I'll send him a copy someday. I enjoy talking to people all over world; I learn something new from them every day which is great.



Darlene Russell



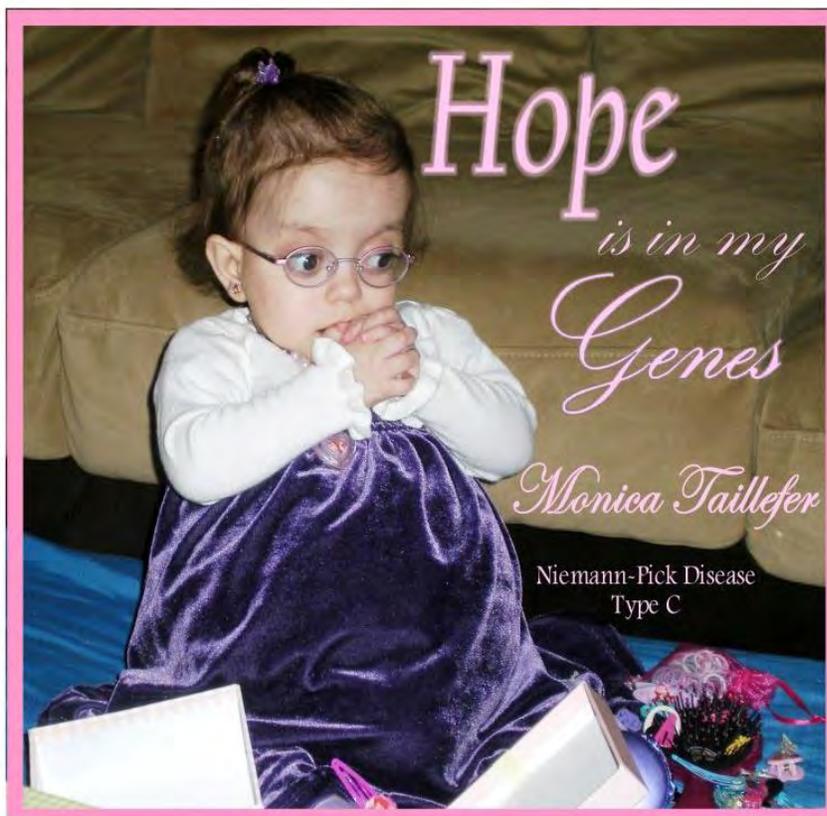
My Cousin Monica

My cousin Monica was born with Pack disease on August 2nd 2009. This family is faced with the heart breaking knowledge that Monica's days are numbered.

She loves her bath time, play time, her rides in the stroller or car. Monica faces a lot of challenges in her life time. She eats cereal and carrots. She will not talk or play games with her Mom and Dad. Monica is two years old now.

I saw Heather and Simon and baby Monica last Saturday going past my house. Monica looked happy in her carriage.

By Brian Patenaude (with the help of Lilian Forget Sterling)



Monday night fun

I play ball hockey.

I Like it.

I score against Brian.

I make a lot of passes

I am good at basket ball

I am good at Dodge ball too.

Dodge ball is fun but more complicated than ball hockey.

I do exercises standing up.

I touch my toes and I do

Push ups.

We take turns making snacks of Crackers and cheese, carrots, broccoli, apples and oranges.

I do a lot of crafts. I make

Wood plaques, paint with a nail,

Decorate Easter eggs, and I

Make cards for my parents.

I write e- mails to Mark.



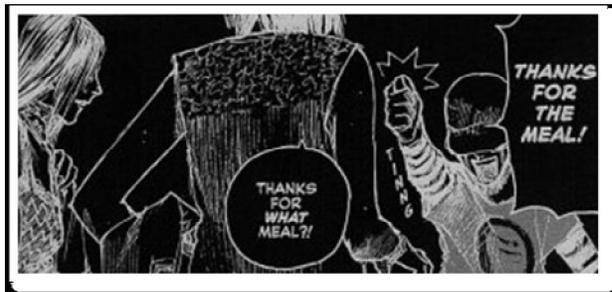
Wilfrid

I had help from my tutor, Lilian

Anime

Anime is a cartoon that was made in Japan and started around the World War II.

Anime was made from manga which we call comics. You read them back to front and right to left.



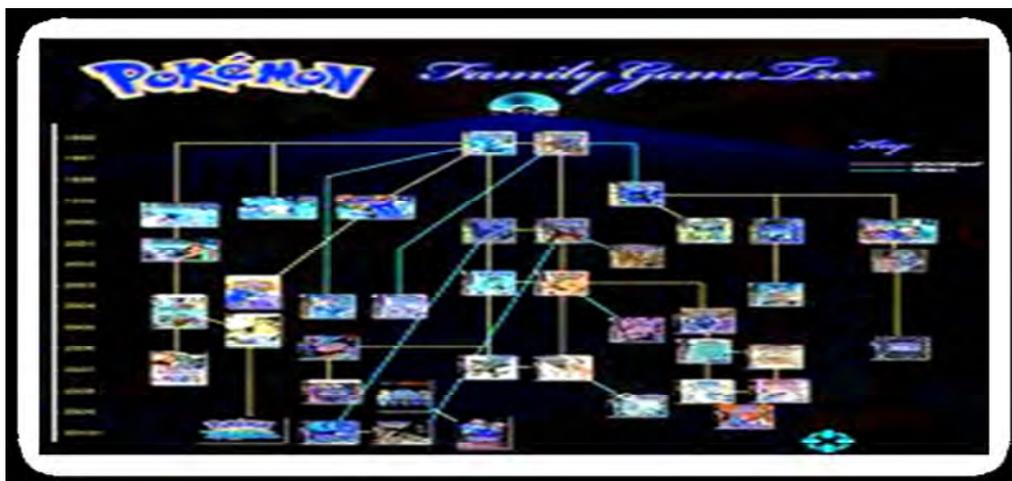
There are many anime's on TV like Pokémon, Dragon Ball Z, Speed Racer, and Sailor moon.



Sailor Moon first came to America in 1995 when she was on her last season. She was put off air in America because there was one nudity scene.

With Sailor Moon, we learn that there are age groups; (like) American cartoons are for kids and anime is for teens and adults.

Pokémon first came here in 1999 and is still on the air to this day. It changed as the years went by, here is a timeline.



Ash Ketchum got new Pokémon's and new friends on the journey to be the world's best Pokémon trainer.

Dragon Ball first came to America in 1986 and as the year went by the name became Dragon Ball Z.

My favourite is Card Captor. It's not on television but you can watch it on YouTube. It is about a girl who captures cards that had magic power.

Lisa Richer

CAPUCHINS

Capuchins monkeys are vivacious, vivacious means lively. They are intelligent monkeys in captivity in U.S.A. and Europe. Brown capuchin monkeys vary in color from light brown to mustard yellow to black. The shoulders and underbelly are lighter than the rest of the monkey's body. There is patch of coarse black fur on the crown of the head, sometimes referred to as a cap above the ears. The black hairs from its tufts of fur giving the species one of its common names: Tufted capuchins monkeys. Facial patterns vary among individuals, but black sideburns extending from the capuchin are characteristic of the monkey. They have a baby at least every one or two years. It's usually one baby at a time.



The capuchin relies mainly on hard to find foods that are only available for a short time, such as fruit and insects. This may require a larger brain and foods rich in energy to sustain it. Capuchins are masterful of their environment. They become easily bored in captivity they explore everything within reach, often taking things apart in the process.



Monkeys can be pets but most of them are meant to be in the wild. They are playful and love to be with kids. They have a gift they know when some things wrong and they can help you with your work. They love bananas. They know you in just one week. They like dancing and running around. They love to play all kinds of games. They just have fun everyday all the time.

By Erika Leblanc

Alvin and the Chipmunks

I went to the movies and I watched the Chipmunks. It is a funny movie. I went with Marine Harvey and it was a good movie. There are seven chipmunks; their names are Jeanette, Brittany, Eleanor, Alvin, Simon and Theodor. I was crying at the movies because one of the chipmunks was so funny. All the chipmunks were singing some songs. I hope we go back again to see the Chipmunks with Melissa's Sunshine Camp. We had a lot of fun.



By Brian Patenaude

Teacher for an Hour

I replaced Roger on November 10, 2011 and became a teacher for one hour which was great at the beginning. When one o'clock came it was my turn to take the class over. I handed out papers to the class which was a crossword puzzle to do together. So we started to work on the puzzle, everyone in the class was laughing because their teacher couldn't spell some of the words which was funny. I had to write them on the board. I had to get up and down all the time. I felt like a yo yo. I kept looking at the clock and Chris said; "You have just one hour and Roger will be back; you are doing just fine don't worry it's your first time at teaching. We are all here to help you." Well the class and I worked well together. We had a great time.

I think the class was glad to see you walk in, I know I was Roger. I was glad it was over with but I would do it again. It was fun and I learned teaching is hard work.

Thanks a lot Roger for letting me be a teacher for an hour. I never will forget it. We all learn something new every day. But you can have your job ok.

Darlene Russell

Boston Bruins

The Boston Bruins are a professional ice hockey team based in Boston Massachusetts, USA. They are a member of the northeast division of eastern conference of the Nation Hockey League (NHL). The team has been in existence since 1924 and is the league's third oldest team and it's the oldest in the United States.

The Bruins have won six Stanley cup championships. The Bruins were the Stanley Cup Champions in 2011.

I am a Boston fan because of Bobby Orr. He Joined the Bruins in 1966-67.

He was a great hockey player and so is Tim Thomas now. Wow the goaltender for Boston.

Tim Thomas is number 30, his height is 5 ft 11, and he weights 205 pounds. He was born April 15, 1974; his age is 37. His horoscope is Aries

The President Barak Obama invited the Boston Bruins to the White House ceremony honouring the team for winning the 2011 Stanley championship. Tim Thomas didn't go with his team.

I think Tim Thomas has his right if he didn't want go to the White House and I stand by him all the way.

Darlene Russell



Visit to the Droulers Site



On a sunny October 24 afternoon, students visited the Droulers site in St-Anicet.

They were greeted by a very knowledgeable guide who then proceeded to explain all he knew about this Iroquois village which dates back to the 1400s.

It was a very interesting and entertaining visit. Everyone came back knowing a little more about our region and its first inhabitants.

The next day students were involved in writing a thank you note to our guide and a short essay on their visit.

Farewell Frances



On the afternoon of November 10, a surprise get together was held in honour of Frances Moore, our staff assistant. Frances left on maternity leave. A gift from the Learning Center was presented to her.

Food and drinks were enjoyed with everyone present, including our former director Louise Richard and Sylvie Brazeau, our former receptionist.

It was an emotional afternoon for some, as certain students shed a few tears realizing that Frances wouldn't be around for a year or so.

Frances thanked everyone and gave hugs.

Our best wishes and good luck to Frances!

Message in a Bottle

On October 11, we took part in "A message in a bottle" activity which originated from a news item seen recently on CTV.

Everyone wrote their name, email address, home address, as well as the date on a piece of paper which was inserted in a plastic bottle and securely sealed. The bottles were then released in the Chateauguay River and on their way to ... Who knows where? It is hoped that eventually someone will find the bottle(s) and contact the sender.

Everyone is wondering whose bottle will be found first, by whom and from where.

As of the end of April, no one had been contacted. Where are those bottles?

Penpals

Learners are displaying the first letter they received from their correspondent in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

They are looking forward to replying to their pen pal and getting to know him or her better.



Food drive



On December 1st, learners participated in a Christmas food drive.

Most learners contributed at least two hours of their time collecting food and money at various street intersections in town.

This was an excellent opportunity for learners to volunteer their time in helping needy families.

Learners came in from their two hour shift a bit cold but happy and proud they had been part of this worthwhile project.



St Patrick's Day Activity

On March 15, a bingo was held for everyone with many prizes. The grand prize winner was Lisa Richer, who won a Subway gift card.

Following the bingo everyone was treated to snacks and drinks.

Everyone enjoyed their afternoon.



Thanks to Donna, Danielle, Jenna, Erika and Brian for organizing this activity.

Job well done!

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

Presentation on Burkina Faso



On March 28, France Laplante, director of the Centre de Formation, made a presentation on her experience in Africa, where she was involved in humanitarian work.

It was very interesting to see how people live in this part of the world. She talked and showed pictures of their housing, climate, occupations, wildlife, customs, etc.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

A follow up was done with students writing a letter of thanks to France.

Easter activity



On April 5, an Easter activity was held at the Quillorama Huntingdon.

Learners and staff from both classes enjoyed an afternoon of bowling.

Diplomas to deserving students were given out.

Everyone enjoyed themselves.

HAPPY EASTER!



Acknowledgements

Again this year, here is another nice collection of texts from the literacy class. The students had the same privilege of being taught by their dedicated teacher, Roger Bouthillier and being motivated by our team mate Donna Cormier who enlivened their classes.

During the year, their many projects gave them inspiration for the collection of texts that you have in your hands now.

Congratulations to all students for their courage and resilience, many thanks to our volunteers, Stephen, Lillian, Susan and Alysia for their hard work and patience.

This collection is the labour of a group of people without whom the Centre wouldn't survive.
Congratulations again and keep up the good work!

As for you, our readers, we appreciate your support, thanks for your encouragement!

France Laplante, director.