



# Reciprocal Learning

## *Sister School Project*




# Talbot Trail Public School

Talbot Trail Public School (TTPS) and Ren He Jie Primary School (RHJ) began their sister school relationship in 2016. The sister school partnership was established and supported by Dr. Xu and Dr. Connelly's SSHRC project, GECDSB (Dr. Clara Howitt superintendent) previous Principal Chris Mills, Principal Mike Baker, Vice Principal Christina Pottie and teachers and students. The two schools have been able to sustain their partnership through onsite school visits, monthly skype meetings and online sister school communications in the areas of math, science and kindergarten education.



Teachers from TTPS and RHJ exchanged pedagogical strategies at their monthly Skype meetings. Three-part lesson, problem solving, fraction and estimation were some of the topics discussed. Students were regularly invited to participate in the Skype exchanges and demonstrate their math thinking.

TTPS Math team: Mr. Baker (Principal), Mrs. Pottie (VP), Mr. Hickman (Grade 6 teacher), Mrs. Tremaine (Grade 6 teacher), Mrs. Hall (Grade 5 teacher), Mrs. Lamb (Grade 3 teacher), Mrs. Murray (Learning support)

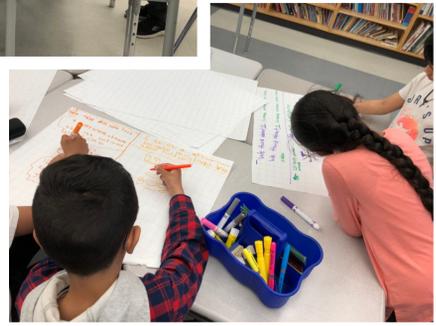
RHJ math team: Ms. Li Zhang, Ms. Lan Jin, Mr. Xuyi Liu, Ms. Huarong Wei, Ms. Wenjing Zhu, Ms. Siyi Chen, Ms. Hong Liu, Ms. Hongmin Guo, Ms. Lina Deng, Ms. Tingting Zhao and Ms. Wen Huang



JK-SK teachers from TTPS and RHJ Kindergarten shared their approaches of conducting integrative lessons using picture books ("About Winter" and "Rosie's Walk"). Exchanges took place on WeChat as well as through monthly Skype meetings.

TTPS Kindergarten team: Mr. Baker (Principal), Mrs. Pottie (VP), Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Fathers-Yott, Mrs. Paniccia, Mrs. Leblanc, Mrs. Dearing, and Mrs. Baillargeon,

RHJ Kindergarten team: Ms. Feng Zhang (Principal), Ms. Jia Yu (VP), Ms. Li Wang, Ms. Ling Dai, Ms. Jiemei Tan, and Ms. Jing Fu



In 2017 March TTPS principals and teachers (Ms. Pam Badluk, Mr. Chris Hickman, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Tramaine, Ms. Enza Wood) had a 3-day visit to RHJ Primary School.

In October 2018, RHJ teachers (Ms. Yongmei Liu, Ms. You Wu, Ms. Jiaojiao Pan, Ms. Li Wang) had a return visit to Talbot Trail Public School. During this visit, Ms. Li Wang from RHJ co-planned and co-taught a kindergarten lesson with Mrs. Fathers-Yott and Mrs. Dearing from TTPS. Ms. Pan from RHJ lesson also had a chance to coplan and coteach a lesson with Mr. Hickman from TTPS together.



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