



RRDSB - Recognition of Excellence
Curriculum and Community Integration



Nestor Falls School is the ideal setting for integration - multi- grade classes - JK- 3 and 4 -8 allow for a great deal of cross curricular activity.

This year a community historical site was integrated with Science and Language curriculum expectations and the Learning Through the Arts program to produce two wonderful songs that displayed the talent and commitment to community that exists in the students of Nestor Falls School.

Rodney Brown, a singer -song writer from Thunder Bay, visited the school in January as part of the Learning Through the Arts Program. He worked with the Junior room students to create a song called "Pamela the Polar Bear" . The inspiration for the song developed as the students were studying Polar Bears in Language Arts. The Senior room students who were studying Structural Strength and Stability in Science, wrote a song honoring the Sioux Narrows Bridge - the 70 year old longest wooden span bridge in North America that is currently in the process of being replaced.

CBC Radio interviewed 2 students from each classroom about their song writing experience and played the recording of their songs. The students were so pleased with their song writing abilities and performances they invited the local Reeve - Jerry O'Leary into the school to hear their songs. Now, if you visit the Nestor Falls - Sioux Narrows Township website you will see the Sioux Narrows Bridge song written by the Senior room class posted on the website. This spring, the students are being invited to the construction site to view the new bridge construction.

The Learning Through the Arts program was the driving force behind the creation of these songs. This program allows students to express their creative abilities in ways that they may otherwise not be fortunate enough to experience. The partnerships formed with the community and the Rainy River District School Board has empowered the students to dream of the possibilities, to believe in themselves and to achieve.

Kate Woods and Kerri Halvorson have developed a PowerPoint presentation to share with you which will showcase the students and the many wonderful activities that the students at Nestor Falls School have been involved in this year.