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BREAKING NEWSI Did you hear?! Mark your calendar for March 15-18 2021. The first ever NB Science week is bringing explosions, you virtual hands-on activities and speakers guest including STEVE SPANGLER! special Keep your eyes and ears for more updates open onthi soon!

Explorations

Exploration 1

Be a Chemist! Bring two mixtures together to create a brand-new substance!

Task: Conduct an investigation to create your own plastic by combining milk and vinegar. A chemical reaction will take place when the protein from the milk (casein) meets the vinegar. The tiny molecules will move around to form a *casein plastic*.

Your investigation should start by first observing what happens when you combine specific measured amounts of each liquid. Record your observations. Then write a testable question to investigate. Ex: How does the type of milk affect how the casein plastic sticks together? For investigation tips & information CLICK HERE

Did you know? Casein plastic was used to make jewelry for Queen Mary of England in the early 1900s!

Exploration 2

Saying I love you doesn't come from the heart; it comes from the brain! Our emotions are controlled by parts of our brain while our feelings are controlled by our senses from the outside.

Task: Read "In my Heart" by Jo Witek, to help understand different emotions. Choose one emotion and write a black out poem to express an emotion you have felt.

Click here for more info on Black out poems



You will need newspaper clippings, magazines or even books your library wants to toss in the trash to help create this artistic piece of literature.

Close-up Capture



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Exploration 3

It feels so sweet to have a healthy heartbeat!

Your heart beats normally 50 to 100 times every single minute. It has to push so much blood through your body that you can feel a little thump in your arteries each time it beats! This is called your *pulse*. Learn how to find your heart rate (beats per minute) HERE.

Exercise makes your heart pump faster which strengthens it as well as the muscles that you are using in your body.

Task: Get your heart pumping! Take your heart rate before and after exercising (Try These!). What do you notice? Does it change depending



on the type of exercise? Keep track in a chart and write down your observations!

Can you identify this close-up picture?

Issue 3 Answer: Hockey skate lace



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Explorations – Possible Outcomes & Extensions

Exploration 1-

SCIENCE

Skills: All strands of skills can be met through a full investigation at each grade level: Initiate & Plan Perform & Record Analyze & Explain Communication Prioritized Key Concepts: Gr 4 (Properties of Materials, Sustainability)

<u>FILA</u> 3^e: Enquête 4 4^e : Enquête 6

Exploration 2 -

LITERACY Writing & Respresenting: GCOs – 8, 9

PERSONAL WELLNESS: Gr 3 SCOs: 2.1 Gr 4 SCOs: 2.1, 2.3

SOCIAL STUDIES Gr 3: 2.3 Gr 5: 5.1

Art

FILA **3^e:** 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.2, 5.1,5.3 **4^e:** 1.1, 3.1,4.2, 4.4, 5.1 **5^e:** 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.6, 5.3

Development of Imagery

Exploration 3 -

PERSONAL WELLNESS Gr 3 SCOs: 1.1, 1.2 Gr 4 SCOs: 1.1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION Gr 3/4/5 SCOs: 1.1, 1.3, 3.2

NUMERACY Gr 3: N8, SP1, SP2 Gr 4: N10, SP2 Gr 5: N4, SP2

First Nation Education Extension Explorations

Additional Resources & Extensions

Steve Spangler <u>Sick Science</u> Brilliant Labs <u>Maker Fun and After-School Virtual Programs</u> Science East <u>Inquiry-based Learning</u> Smarter Science <u>Step into Inquiry</u> Chris Wood <u>dailySTEM</u> Mark Rober NASA/Apple Engineer/Youtuber