

Discovering rhythm
and melody



Buddy reading



Why Touchstone?

Parents are often asked, 'Why Touchstone?'

The answers to this question are as varied and unique as our students. But whatever the reason for choosing Touchstone – whether it's our expanded curriculum, our dedicated and fun teachers, our small classes, early exposure to French or the inclusive, healthy environment – rest assured, a Touchstone education is one of the best choices you can make for your child.

Touchstone kids love Touchstone!



Building Mayan temples

To learn more about Touchstone, or to arrange for a tour, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

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What is Touchstone?

Touchstone Community School is an independent co-operative elementary school located in Rothesay, New Brunswick. Founded in 2000, Touchstone features small classes and teaches students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5.

At Touchstone, academic excellence and creative learning go hand-in-hand.

Visit us at www.touchstonecommunityschool.ca



Visiting a veterinarian



One-on-one counting fun

What are Touchstone's objectives as a school?

At the foundation of Touchstone Community School are our seven key objectives. Our school commits to:

1 Students, teachers and parents working in partnership
Parents have the chance to get really involved and have a say in many aspects of the school – an approach proven to increase test scores, improve success in school, foster positive attitudes and behaviours, and create a love of learning.

2 Striving for academic excellence
Our students and graduates have competed and placed highly in several competitions, including the Canwest Canspell Regional Spelling Bee, the Great Canadian Geography Contest, and Canadian math competitions. We're also proud to note that our students consistently receive high scores in the provincial reading comprehension and math assessments.



Medal winners, national math competition

3 Maintaining small classes
In our small classes, every student is engaged and at their best because teachers know each individual and have the flexibility to truly achieve educational excellence.

4 Providing a creative environment that encourages hands-on collaborative learning
Working with parents and community experts, students have had the opportunity to add experience to their knowledge by creating and flying a rocket-fueled pop bottle around the gym, using engineering tips to build phenomenal snow forts and dissecting brains and eyeballs during Human Body month.



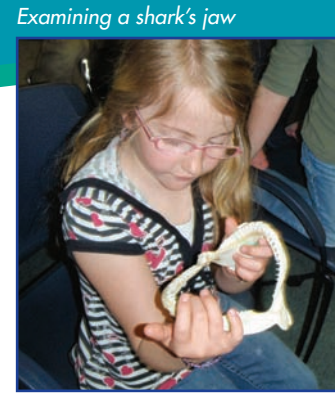
Roman athletics

5 Teaching an expanded and challenging curriculum
Each month, students explore a new theme, such as chemistry, world religions, ancient Egypt, or astronomy. In addition, students may be identified for participation in advanced classes in engineering, drama, math, art, science, and other subjects.

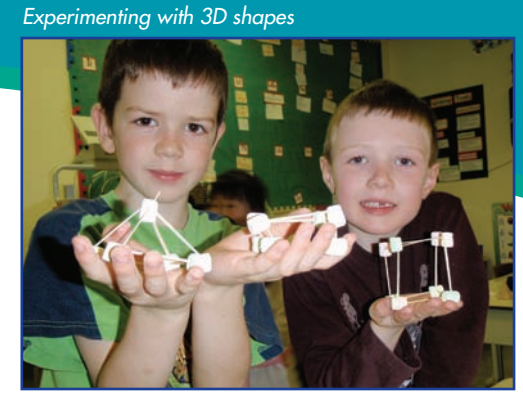
6 Enriching the curriculum with regular field trips to historical, cultural and scientific sites
Monthly field trips – such as discovering lung and heart functions at the hospital, exploring constellations at Science East Planetarium, and watching an ultrasound on a pregnant sow at a hog farm – make strong impressions and enhance overall learning.



"International Night"



Examining a shark's jaw



Experimenting with 3D shapes

7 Respecting students' curiosity and interests and developing their unique gifts
Every child has a gift. Touchstone celebrates these strengths, providing opportunities to follow special interests and share talents with the school. Building on these strengths boosts confidence and helps students venture in other areas.

'At Touchstone, no child is over-looked and every child shines for who they are. Here, the possibilities for learning are truly endless.'

– Angela Prosser,
Head of Academics



Exploring the brain



"Invention Convention"
Discovering simple machines