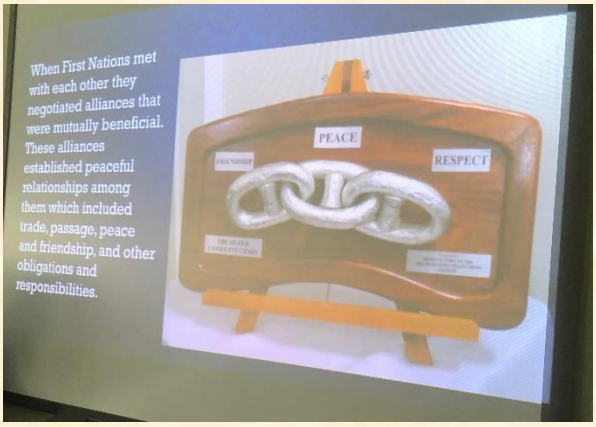
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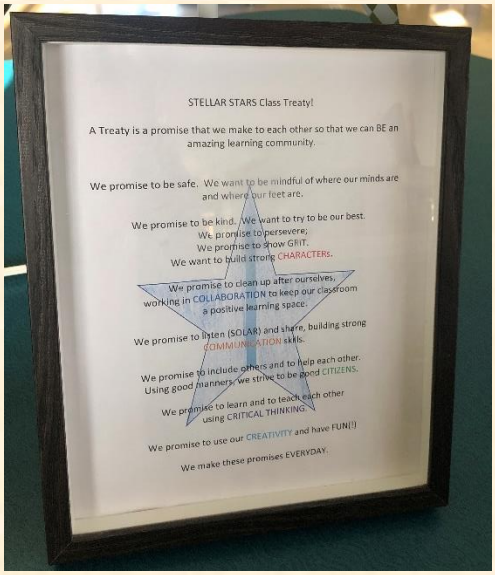
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It is an absolute pleasure creating our Classroom Treaty in Room 27 of Strathmillan School in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. September 2019 was the month that our class started the process of our Treaty Talks. We talked about who we all were. We talked about the gifts we all brought to the classroom. We read and had a discussion about the Seven Sacred Teachings.



We read about honesty and talked about how it builds character. We read and talked about truth and how truth is a backbone to friendship. We read and talked about love and how our creativity comes from loving our own and others' gifts. We read and talked about courage and how it takes courage to communicate with humility. We read and talked about respect, and when respect is at the centre of our words and actions, our community is more vital. We read and talked about wisdom. With gratitude for our Librarian, Ms. Tammy Branco, who helped provide books for each of these Seven Sacred Teachings, we read, discussed, and learned.

Then, when Richelle Scott (North Star) came to share her lessons of Treaty, we heard how the building of our Treaty Number 1 was founded and



created with the spirit of Friendship, Peace and Respect. We made connections with our Class Treaty that had these same characteristics within our Treaty Talks.

In September of 2020, an unprecedented time for all, our class (which now had new members) re-read our Treaty. We read, and we talked, and we asked ourselves: "Do we still believe in these promises?" Each student, during individual conferencing and then as a group, agreed! We then all spoke our Treaty, and our classmates live out our Treaty every day! It is an absolute pleasure being in Treaty with these young learners.

