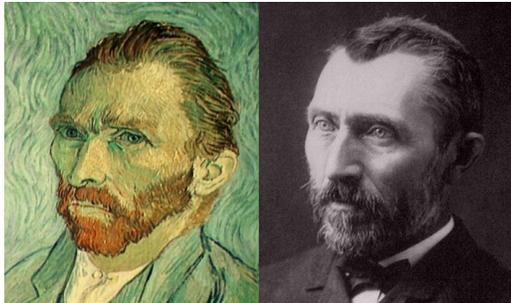


Here's who we learned about in Grade 3 ART today....

Vincent Van Gogh

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.

- Vincent Van Gogh



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"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

- Vincent Van Gogh

Post-Impressionistic Painter

Here are some of his very famous paintings we will be studying...



"Sunflowers"



"Starry, Starry Night"



"Self Portrait"

Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853 in a village in the southern Netherlands. Vincent's sister described him as a serious child. Van Gogh spent his young adult life working for art dealers. He also took an interest in his fathers' work, and became a missionary worker in an impoverished mining region in Belgium in 1879. A year later, when Vincent turned 27 years old, he took the suggestion of his brother Theo, and decided to become a painter. He went to different art schools to learn everything he could about drawing and painting. Drawing and painting was not easy for Vincent, but he always **tried his best** at whatever he did. After several years of study he completed his first major work, **The Potato Eaters** (1885). In the beginning, van Gogh limited his color palette to dark colors. When he encountered Impressionism and Neo-Impressionism in Paris his style changed, incorporating brighter colors and developing a painterly style that was uniquely recognizable. Instead of painting realistic paintings with dark muddy colors he started using bright colors with bold, thick brushstrokes. Van Gogh worked hard, and produced more than 2,000 paintings, drawings and sketches in the last ten years of his life. His best-known works were created in the last two years of his life. Vincent van Gogh died on July 29, 1890, having produced some of the best known and most expensive works of art in the world today. His painting **The Starry Night** (1869) has become one of the most celebrated art masterpieces of all time. Van Gogh pioneered the art movement that came to be known as Expressionism. When he died in 1890, he had only sold one painting during his lifetime. He had no idea that he would become so famous, but after his death people began to appreciate his work. One of his paintings (Portrait of Dr. Gachet) sold for \$82.5 million. That's the most anyone has ever paid for a painting.