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Give children all rights

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Abstract

The grade 3/4 and grade 7 class at Ross Drive Public School worked together to learn about treaties, Shannen Koostachin, and Shannen's Dream. The students were asked to think about what a safe and comfy education might look like and why it is unfair that Shannen Koostachin had to fight for this right. This poem reflects what one student, Aliya, learnt.

Safety is key so you can all see,
just how important safety can be.
All children should be able
to study in a place that's stable.
Kids should be in a clean space
no matter their age, gender or race.
In some places our schools are sweet,
while others feel poor and they ain't such a treat.
Our schools should be where we go to learn,
and not for you and the money you earn.
We need to keep it all balanced and equal,
by making unfair schools illegal.
So, let's fix all those busted pipes,
and give children all rights!

