

Transforming a School



With telus projects!

St. Monica School -

www.stmonica.ecsd.net

Telecollaborative projects



Instrument of Change

- web design
- connection with telus team - ECEC
- connection with Edm. Catholic tech team
- move to St. Monica/St. Mary
- introduction of projects to staff
- introduction of projects to admin.



Who was involved?

- 1 or 2 people within the school
- other schools
- other districts



Motivation

- common interests
- love of learning (lifelong learners)
- keen on improving children's learning opportunities
- funding
- improving technology skills



Finding the right topic

- being a good listener
 - their class
 - their interests
 - their curriculum
 - their goals
- making connections with others to share the responsibility
- pooling ideas to broaden possibilities



Web Content and Process for Block Projects

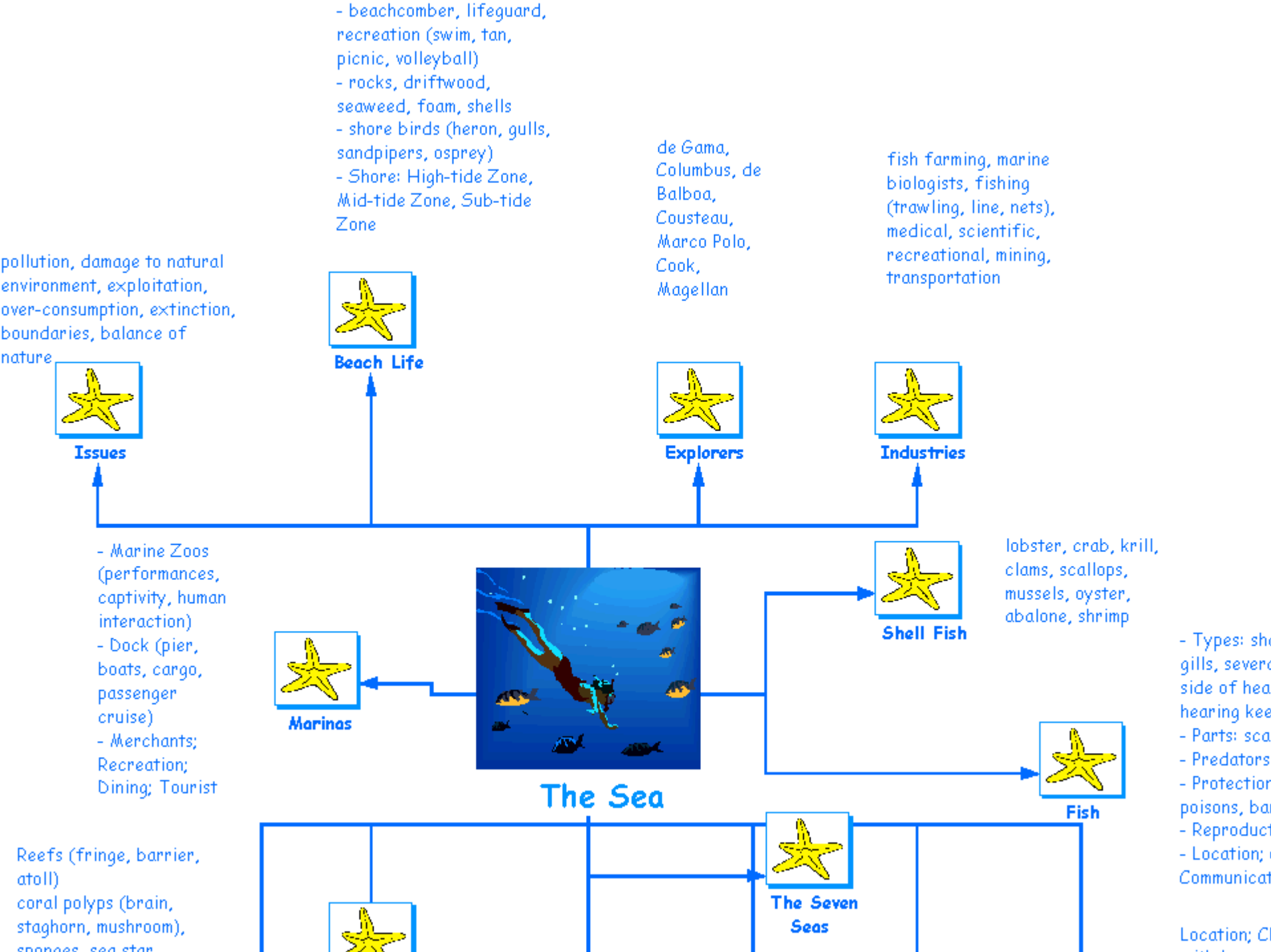
1. resource web for teachers/students
2. more involvement of students
3. more collaboration between classes and students
4. segmentation of responsibilities and pooling

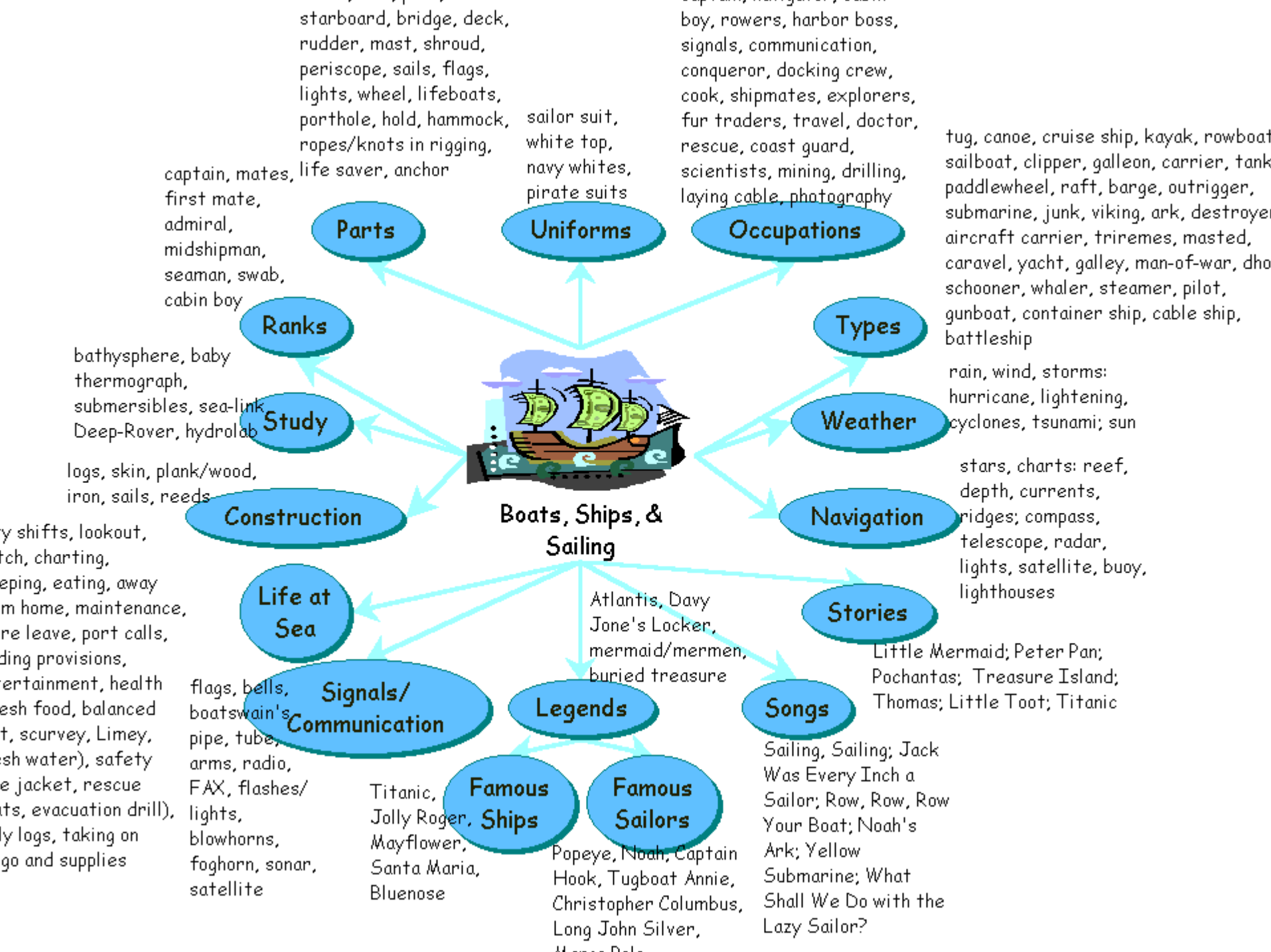


The Sea Project

www.thesea.ecsd.net

- full school project
- all students studying same topic
- classroom projects shared
- trade-around activities
- week long transformation in gym
- Blue School Award





Get children to choose the building project - Bluenose



building a 2-masted ship



Real problems
to solve -
higher level
thinking.
How do you
connect the
sails to the
mast?



**Opportunity to
interact in
valid roles-
vicarious
experiences
from literacy
resources and
teacher
interaction**



Rainbow Titanic inspired from visiting musician



submarine



Our gym
became
the ...

“Ocean”



Father's
Day
Play
Event in
the gym



Is the project big enough
for your class needs?



Sharing projects with others...



Making connections across the curriculum



If you build it, we will
come...



FISH ANATOMY



The eye is round, has liquid in it and has a tail that goes to the brain.



fish tooth



the fish's tongue



Art gallery





The Canada Project

www.canadaproject.ecsd.net

- teachers changed the way they represented the project
- awareness of audience
- selecting and representing with students (not of the students)
- reflecting on learning process
- design and style emerged



Innovative School Award

- \$10,000 grant - NIS Conference
- admin. fully supportive and part of design for technology initiatives
- time allotments for both sites
- St. Mary - more block projects
- St. Monica - better technology
- parent involvement and advocacy