

The logo features a stylized hawk head in profile, facing left. It has a yellow beak, a brown eye, and a brown and red crest. The background of the logo is a blurred image of the Weston School building.

WESTON SCHOOL

November 2022

Happy November!!! Weston School is continuing to work on promoting a positive school climate, respect for self and others and being a place where everyone belongs and is valued. Our Weston Hawk Motto is to “Be safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and most of all Be Kind to yourself, others and school.” Each and every day students are recognized for their positive actions.

On Thursday, November 10th at 11:00am, Weston School will hold our Remembrance Day Service. Grade 5-6 students will be presenting our solemn service and each class will provide a wreath. Please join us to remember all who gave their lives in battle. Poppies will be given to each child and will be available for parents.

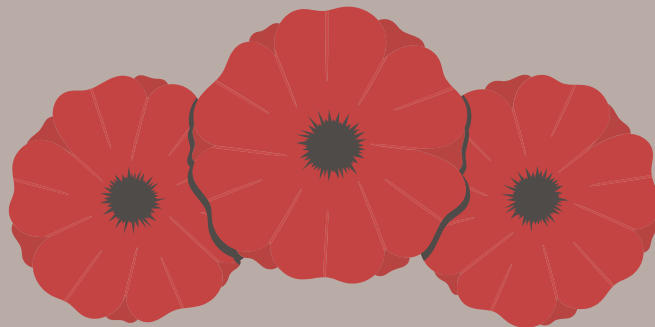
We have had a great start this year and we have completed our fall Elementary Assessment Process with all students from Grade N to 6. Report Cards go home on November 16th. Parent Conferences will be on November 17th after school and in the evening with classes closed November 18th for 1/2-day conferences in the afternoon. At this time teachers will share with you the results of their assessments and at what level your child is able to achieve in Core subjects of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies as well as in Physical Education and Music. If your child is one year or more below grade level, the teacher will provide an Individual Education Plan with the goal of assisting your child to advance in these skills.

November brings colder weather so please help your child to take responsibility for dressing appropriately for the walk to and from school and outdoor recess. Please insist that your child/ren cross the street only at **Patrol Controlled crossings**. We want all students to be safe from harm at Weston School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Richardson

Weston Principal



Halloween Fun



Weston Parent Centre November Events

Contact Kim to register for any of our FREE programs! 204-775-2591 or kstorer@wsd1.org

Cooking Club

Help cook some nutritious treats for the Breakfast Program and take some home for your family!

SPIN Baton

Free After- School Program on Wednesdays by the City of Winnipeg and Weston School

Nutrition Bingo

Come out and win FOOD! Everyone is a winner!

Girls Club

A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun and do art to explore a variety of themes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 PAC Meeting 3:15 SPIN Baton 4:30	3	4
7	8	9 Nutrition Bingo 1:00 SPIN Baton 4:30	10	11 Remembrance Day
14 Girls Club @ lunch	15	16 SPIN Baton 4:30	17	18 No Classes
21 Girls Club @ lunch	22	23 Nutrition Bingo 1:00 SPIN Baton 4:30	24	25
28 Girls Club @ lunch Cooking Club 1:00	29	30		

PAC Meeting

All Parents/Guardians are invited to join us Wednesday, Nov 2nd @ 3:15. Find out what's happening in the school! Free babysitting and snacks!

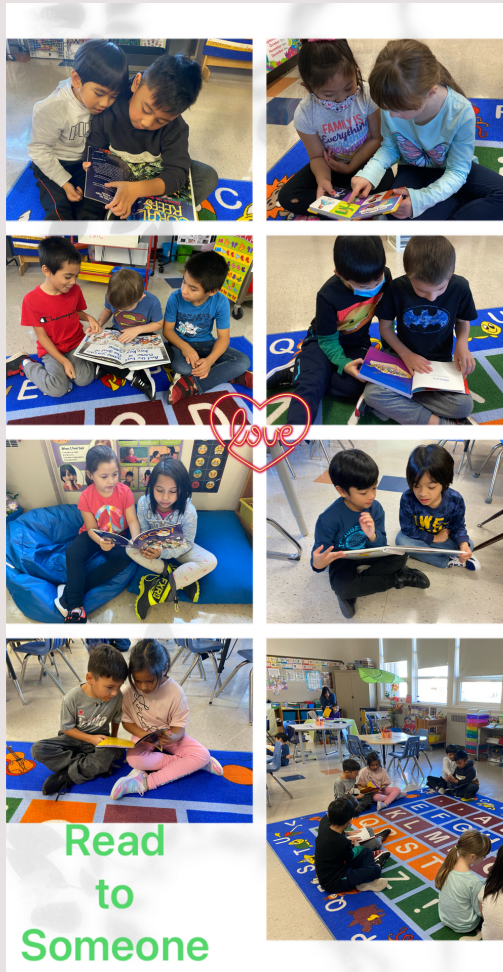


Room 1 - Mrs. Mallari

Hello everyone! My name is Mrs. Gina Mallari and I am the new Grade 1/2 Teacher in Room 1. I am happy to be with the bunch of kids that I have now in my class because I could use my experiences not only here in Canada but also my long years in the academe back home where I taught Grade 2 for the gifted before becoming a school administrator. Thank you for entrusting your children to me. I will do my best to provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to become successful learners in the future.

We started our new class almost middle of October by establishing our classroom routines, learning goals and laying down classroom rules by the students. We are working on building our reading stamina by doing Read to Self and Read to Someone. To make the students become successful in reading, we started working on Word Sort. In Math, we're learning to show our numbers in different ways and we are strengthening our Math skills through Dream Box. We are excited to enrich our ability to do Math talk when explaining how we got our answers to the problems.

Indeed, November will be a busy learning month for Room 1 so it is important that you bring your children to school everyday. The weather is getting colder. Please make sure that my students are wearing proper clothing.



Mrs. Mallari
Grade ½ Teacher



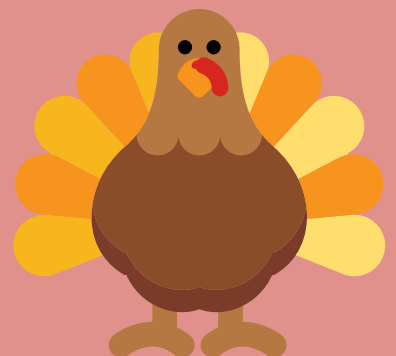
Room 2 -Ms. Pruden

November is here and we have settled into our school routines. In room 2 we are working on making numbers and counting. Some of our class can already count to 100!!!

We are learning the letters in our names, the alphabet and sounds letters make. During the Fall holiday Thanksgiving we were able to make and share a feast with our classmates and teachers.

We are looking forward to our Halloween Party at the end of October as well.

November is report card month. Please check for updates as when these will be handed out.



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Room 5 - Ms. Jessica

Room 5 has been busy during the month of October! We kicked the month off with a Party with the Principal because Room 5 received the most Gotcha' Tickets in September. Weston Hawks get Gotcha' Tickets for being kind, responsible, respectful and safe. Keep up the great work!

We have been learning about living things, showing numbers in different ways in math and being thankful. As a class, we learned about the needs of living things, how living things get the water they need and began an investigation into pumpkins. As a science experiment we put fresh cut flowers into water with food colouring and watched as the flowers changed colours over time.

In math, we have been learning to show numbers in different ways.

A source of inspiration for our classroom bulletin board was the book: One is a Snail and Ten is a Crab: a counting feet book, where the author shows different ways to make numbers to 100 using animal feet.

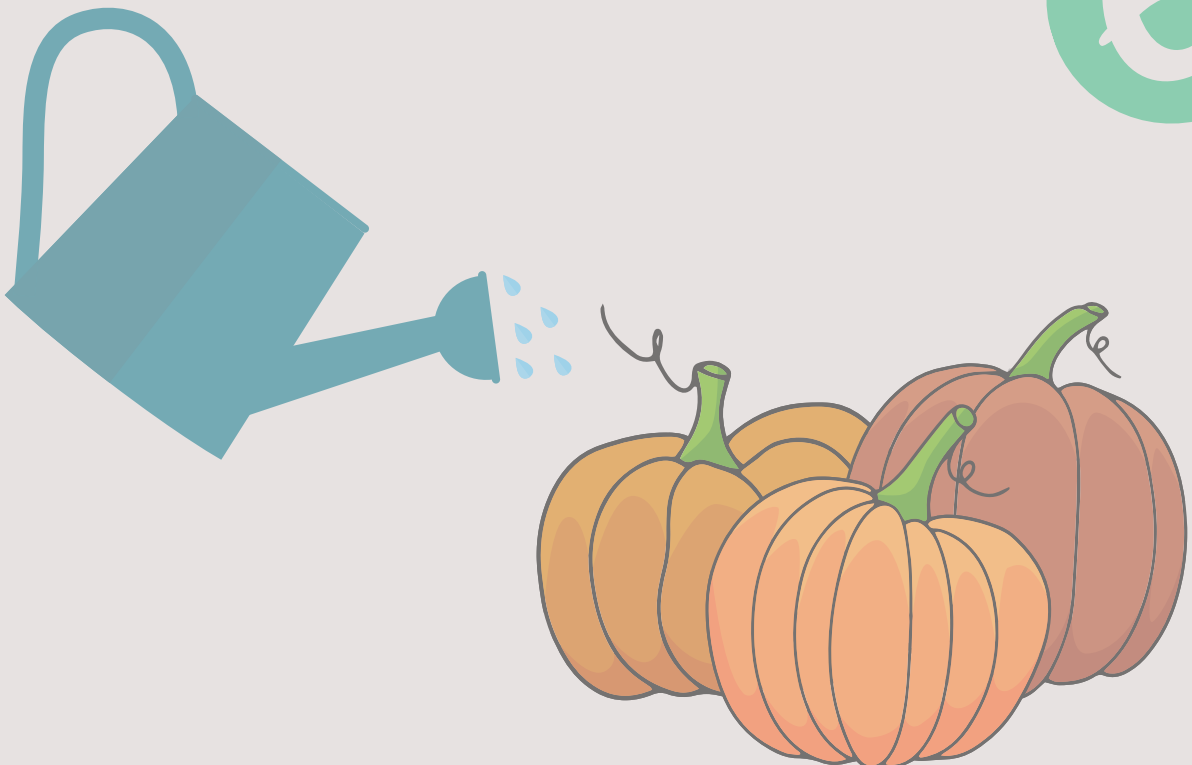
In the spirit of Thanksgiving room 5 spent time thinking about all the things we are thankful for. We made a Thankful tree to share with Weston school.

Thank you for a great month of learning!

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Greetings from Room 6

- Mrs. Horst

Our class has been learning about rules and the reasons we need rules in our lives. We also enjoyed learning about pumpkins. In November we will be learning about Remembrance Day and how it is a time to think about peace and war.

We have also been studying emotions and reasons why we feel certain ways. We've practiced identifying different feelings and sharing ways to deal with strong feelings. In our classroom we've learning about mindfulness and practiced different ways to use breathing to help calm our bodies.

We use role play to practice different scenarios to handle different situations. For example, someone cuts you in line as we head back to class. What would you do?

We are going to be participating in a program called Roots of Empathy with our school social worker. This program focuses on helping children develop the empathy they need for mental health, learning and caring for others. This program is proven to help reduce aggression/bullying and increase prosocial behaviours.



SHOW & TELL Days: Friday,
Nov. 4 Thursday, Nov. 10
Thursday, Nov. 17 Friday, Nov.
25.

Bring something from home to show the class and be prepared to tell us at least three things about your item. Practice talking in a loud voice so everyone can hear your details.

Reading: I am learning that:

- I can place the events in a story in order.
- I can share my thinking with others.
- I can make a connection to a text.

Writing: I am learning:

- What does a writer write about? - They write about things that have happened to them. "Small Moments"
- What does a writer do when they think they're done? - They can always add more to their story.

Phonics: I am learning:

- To identify rhyming words
- To take the beginning and/ or ending sound off of a word. For example, say the word baseball. Now say it again but don't say ball.

Math: I am learning:

- To put numbers in order.
- Using counting collections to practice counting by 2's 5's and 10's.
- More than, less than, equal to

Room 7 Ms. Parisian



Still not convinced? Here are some reasons! The objects because they can be bragged about just for how rare they are. Also unless they are fearless or dumb kids in high schools, no one would dare to rob you because of the stories of the house. This house might have been built in 1804 and has no interest, sorry millennial! But other benefits are as long as you don't touch the chess board or the photos and you will be luckier than anyone else in the world. Sure there are ghosts but they act as mentors even after death they wish good fortune for you.

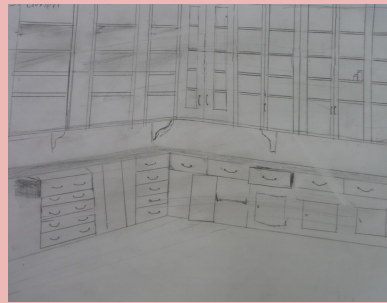


Jermaine

Stop and read! Looking for a haunted house, then this lovely abode is for you! It comes with a fireplace that turns off fully automatic, the lights also do the same thing. The paintings in the house are the past owners how fun is that! This house has five bedrooms which are all haunted. The most haunted place in the house is the living room because the owners ghosts decided to stay there. Most of the photos should not be touched or you will be the embodiment of bad luck. Be aware to not look at the mirrors because you will retire the owners lives over and over again until time is no longer existing.



Stephen



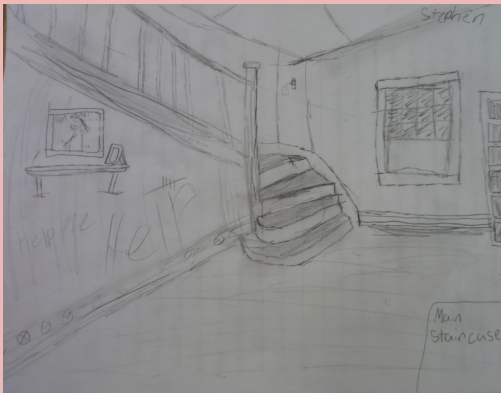
The student's work is my submission for Room 7 this month!

The activity was to create a real estate ad for a Haunted House for sale. They had to draw the exterior and then 1-2 of the rooms found in this house. They had to write 2

paragraphs to go with it-

Descriptive: What features does the house have that would attract potential buyers.

Persuasive- Why should I buy a Haunted house? Convince the buyer why it would be a good idea!



This house has automatic doors that open by its self along with one bedroom and one bath room. This house also has a staircase that turns into a slide. This house is one hundred percent haunted because it is filled to the brim with ghosts and the bat population is off the charts in that area!



Wyatt

You should live in the haunted house because firstly the ghosts are friendly and thankful. Secondly the bats don't bite. Thirdly you can slide down slide whenever you want. Fourthly it has a big yard. Lastly there is a secret passage that starts in the bathroom and ends in the bedroom. As you can see this haunted house is a good place to live in!

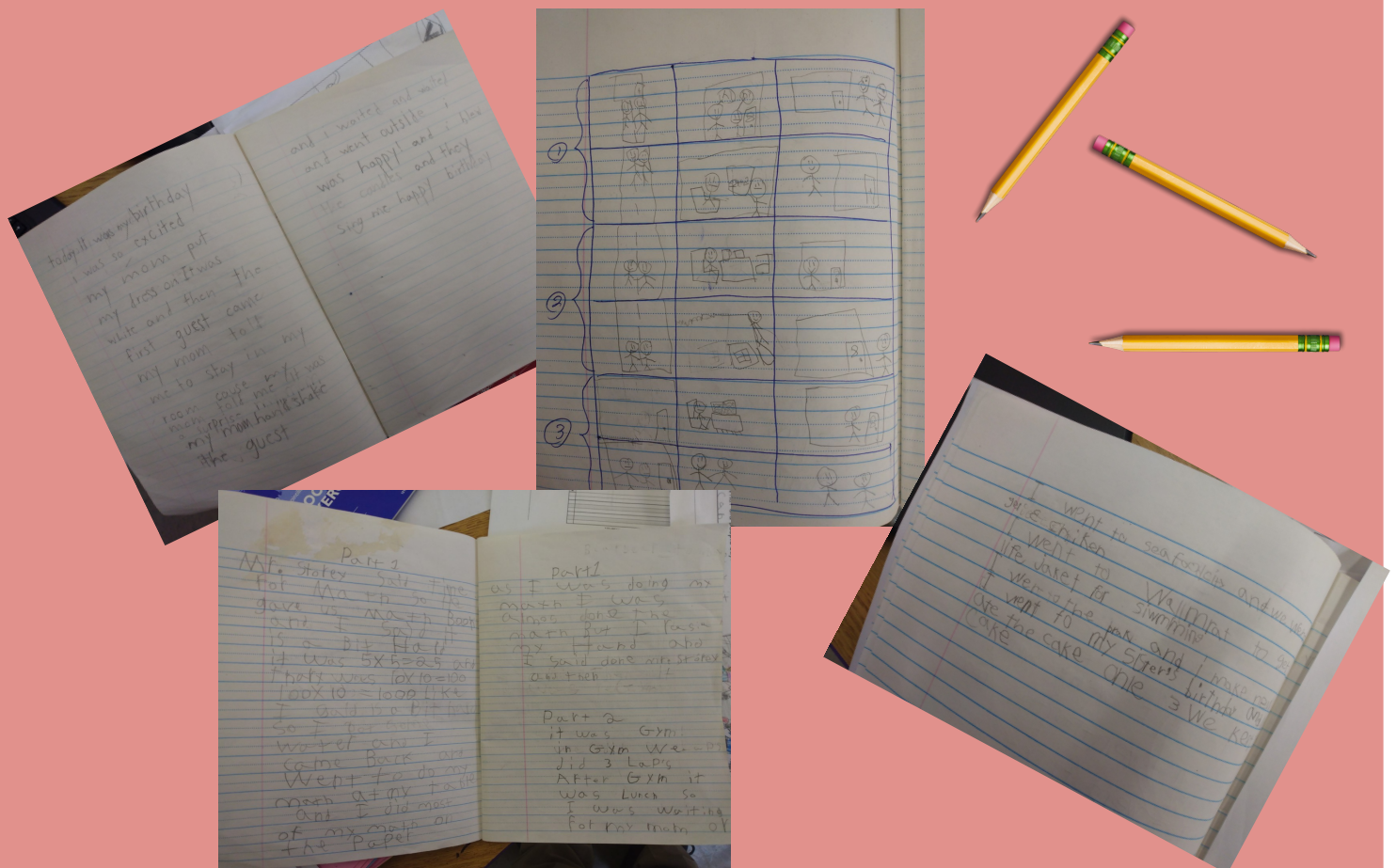
Adventures with Room 8 and Mr. Storey

We Are All Writers

Who's picked up a book that you just can't put down. It's so interesting and full of adventure and suspense. What are the characters going to do next? What's going to happen next? In Room 8 we have been working all month on learning how to write absolutely thrilling and exciting stories. We want cliff hangers like wondering whether Marshall will get 25 cents from his mom to buy candy! We want stories where we feel like we are right there like when Renz went to the beach. We want pictures in our heads like when Anh describes her birthday party and she wore a white dress.

Writing is a skill that the students need to learn. Excellent writers can tell a story that keeps our attention. Excellent writers don't always have to use words! Markiah's story involved a series of many pictures that told about her first day of school!

As we look forward to the rest of the year, I'm sure that Room 8 will continue to excel with their writing skills. Our hope is that all our students become writers for life, and we start with learning how to write for others in a way that makes them want to come back for more.



Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel

Hello again everyone!

October was a wonderful learning month even though it flew by so quickly.

The students have been learning about what it means to be a citizen of Canada. They are learning that they have rights and responsibilities as citizens.

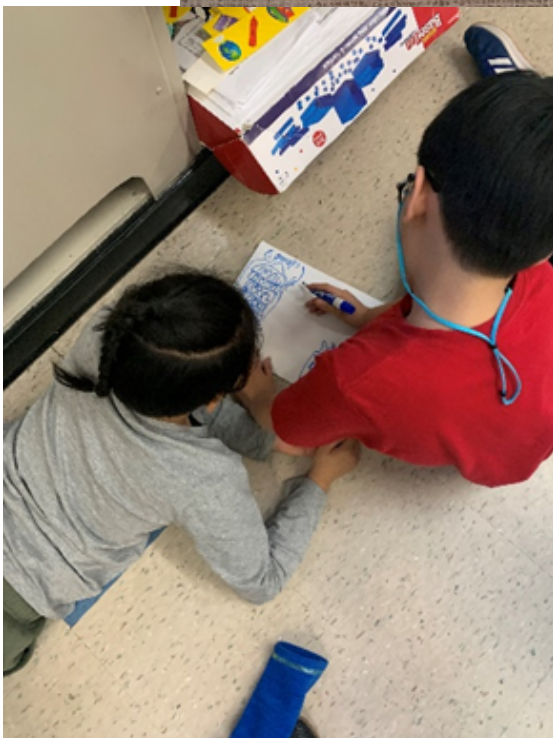
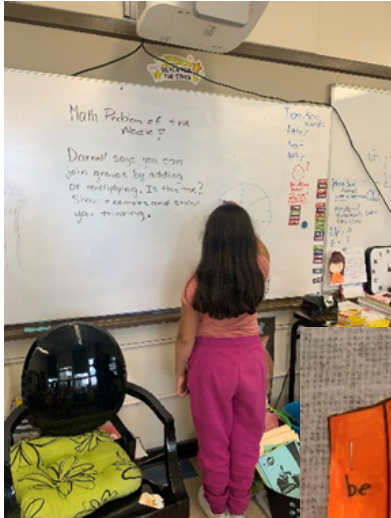
After many discussions about the significance of the orange shirt and the importance for all children to have a voice, the students in room 10 and room 11 wrote letters to Prime Minister Trudeau. The students shared their concerns and their hopes for the future. It was amazing to see them use their voices. They all used personal dictionaries to check spelling and find interesting words.

The class has become a cohesive group. The students work really well together and do a great job solving math problems in small groups. It is so exciting to see how they share ideas and bring different perspectives to the problem solving process.

Just a friendly reminder please send in the student fees if you have not already done so.



Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz



October was a very busy month! Our class participated in a Halloween Safety assembly. Students announced safety tips to our Weston audience of Grades One to Grade 6 students. Many students were able to explain why they need to keep safe and to also be a Weston Hawk of being respectful and being responsible not only for Halloween, but at school, at home, and in the community.

In ELA, students are working really hard on their narrative writing pieces by adding details and telling their story bit by bit. Students are able to use their personal dictionaries to spell unfamiliar words after sounding them out on their own.

In Math, the class is participating in open ended math problems and engaging in learning discussions related to new strategies used when representing numbers up to 1000 and 10 000. Students are practicing "I wonder" and "I notice" questions in their small groups. Ask your child how to represent a number.

Just a friendly reminder to pay student supply fees if you have not yet done so. Also, to send your child to school with a warm jacket, ski pants, hat, mittens, socks and boots so that they can have a fun and safe recess.

Room 14 - Ms. Massey

Greetings Families,

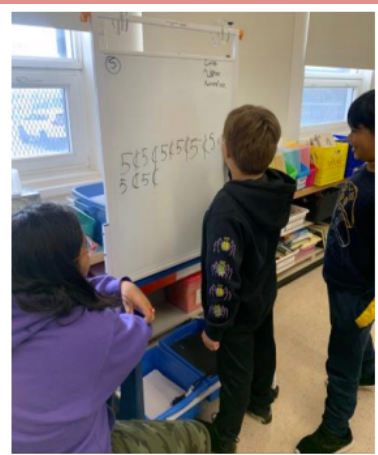
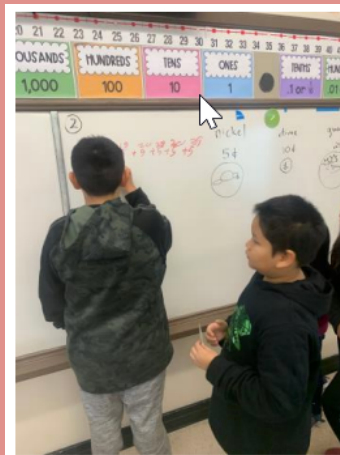
October has been a fun-filled, hands-on month of learning in Room 14. Students have been given opportunities to collaborate with their peers in small-groups to learn from each other while engaging in a variety of tasks. Firstly, students have been on their feet during math class working together to solve word problems that could have any number of answers. Students use their own strategies to arrive at a solution they think works and then students are invited to observe and explain the thinking they notice others have used. It is a great way to stay engaged during math and solidify our learning.

Students have also enjoyed being able to build using a variety of materials such as tape, straws, tooth-picks and candy for our STEM challenges during science. Students were given only 30 minutes to complete tasks with their partners such as creating a platform that would support a small pumpkin, or build the tallest, self-supporting tower. The focus and determination was evident and the level of engagement sky-high for these exercises. Congratulations to all the students who worked with their team-members and collaborated to create their designs.

Students are embarking on a unit of using a variety of strategies to add multi-digit numbers in math and any opportunities at home to use different ways to combine numbers such as counting on or estimating are welcome practice to build students repertoire of strategies in the classroom. Stay warm families.

See you next time.

-Ms. Massey



Room 15 - Ms. Vo

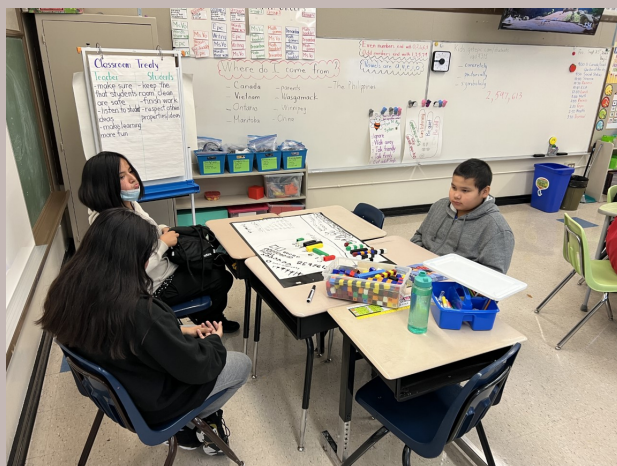
In the month of October, students had chances to work in small math groups to represent numbers using different ways like using blocks, dice, counters, chips, drawing pictures, and writing number sentences. Each student has access to Dreambox, in school and at home, to practice their learning math skills and strategies.

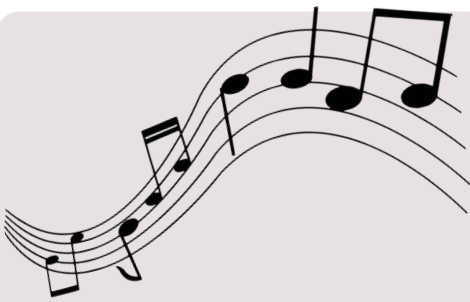
Students learned to generate ideas in writing by using turning points beginning with “the first time I”, “the last time I”, and “the time I”. In reading, they were doing book reports and novel study “Freak the Mighty”.

We started our learning on indigenous education with the “Under One Sun” resource. We wore orange shirts on Orange shirt day to honor indigenous children who were in residential schools and who never made it home.

We also begin our health unit by outlining the importance of regular hygiene practices.

Ms. Vo





Music and Integrated Arts -Ms. Neufeld

We have enjoyed being back to normal activities in the music room. The intermediate grades are learning the recorder, and as a school, we learned the song “Home” by Phillip Phillips, as well as a song of thanks for the gifts of harvest we are given, shared by Indigenous Songwriter Sherryl Sewapagaham.

The Grade 3-6 choir is off to a good start with a great group of eager and enthusiastic singers. Expect to see them sing at the Remembrance Day assembly, as well as the Winter Concert. Choir meets every day 4 over the lunch hour.

The winter concert theme this year is “Share the Joy”, and we look forward to finding different and unique ways of demonstrating where we find our joys as individuals, communities, and cultures. The concert will be on December 15.



Physical Education - Mr. Shannon

Greetings from the gymnasium. We have been busy busy busy. October flew by! The students have been working to develop their movement skills. We have been working extremely hard on our kicking skills. They benefited tremendously from their hard work when the grade 5/6s went to Tec Voc for our soccer tournament. Our hawks had a blast! Shortly after Halloween we will be starting our volleyball (Triple ball) unit, where we will be working out our striking and catching skills. Do you know where ghosts play volleyball? On a Volleyball corpse!! I figure I should keep this trend of jokes every month going. Happy trick or treatin' treating folks!

Mr.Shannon



Why Wear a Poppy

"Please wear a poppy," the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered
 them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on care-free feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"
When she'd pinned it on, he turned to say;
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered; "This is Remembrance Day.
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in war.

And because they did, you and I are free -
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.
I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.

He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird, he would race about.
As the years went by, he learned and grew,
And became a man - as you will, too.

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day.



When he smiled at me and said, 'Goodbye,
I'll be back soon, Mum, please don't cry.'
But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.

His letters told of the awful fight
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won -
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."

The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.
That sure did sound like an awful fight
But your son - did he come back all right?"

A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head, but didn't speak
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me, you'd have done the same:

For our thanks, in giving, if oft delayed,
Though our freedom was bought - and thousands paid!
And so, when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave their very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and Give!

• - Don Crawford



November 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Day 3 1	Day 4 2 Parent Council Meeting 3:15pm Intermediate Choir - Lunch Spin Baton 4:30	Day 5 3	Day 6 4
Day 1 7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9 Parent Nutrition Bingo 1:00 Spin Baton 4:30	Day 4 10 Remembrance Day Service 11:00am Picture Retakes Intermediate Choir	Remembrance Day 11  School Closed
Day 5 14 Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch	Day 6 15	Day 1 16 Report Cards Go Home Spin Baton 4:30	Day 2 17 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00	Day 3 18 Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-3:30 No Classes
Day 4 21 Intermediate Choir- Lunch Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch	Day 5 22	Day 6 23 Nutrition Bingo 1:00 Spin Baton 4:30	Day 1 24	Day 2 25
Day 3 28 Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch Parent Cooking Club 1:00	Day 4 29 Intermediate Choir	Day 5 30		

Important Dates at a Glance

December 15 - Winter Concert
December 21 - Last Day of school
January 5 - School Resumes



Parent Council Meetings

The second Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 3:15 PM. All parents are welcome, so please join us. Please call the school or send back the form by Tuesday, November 1st so that we can ensure that we have enough snack of all to enjoy. This meeting the focus will be on library focus, lunch program, Parent Programs and Community Programs. The meetings are scheduled for: December 14th, January 11th, February 8th, March 15th, April 12th and May 17th.