

# November

As October comes to a close, we're thrilled to reflect on a month filled with excitement and growth within our school community.

This month, we've been busy with a variety of events, including Thanksgiving activities and inspiring projects that showcase the creativity and dedication of a lot of our students.

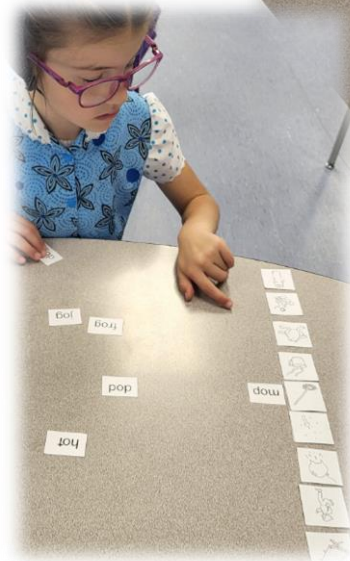
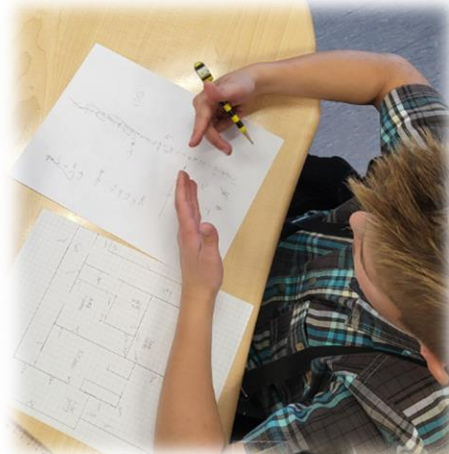
In Math, the early years have been working on mental math strategies, solving word problems, and exploring fractions. The class also completed an area project where they were asked to design a house of their dream and calculate its area.

In English, the students keep working on editing their pieces of writing. They are learning to use Thesaurus (a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms) to clearly deliver the message and make their narratives more precise.

In Science, we have been learning how to read food labels and discussed how our food choices can affect our health.

In Social Studies, students will explore how fur trade shaped the economy, culture, and daily lives of people in North America.

- Mrs. Farnworth



It has been an intense month of learning. We are doing our best to learn, and to get into our daily routines.

In ELA we are working on improving our reading and writing. We have stations to work on different skills. One station is Rewards which helps us learn and understand sound and spelling patterns, so we can read long, difficult words. Another station is novel study. This will help us with reading comprehension so we can better understand what we are reading. Of course, vocabulary helps us learn and use new words, as well as improve our grammar.

We have been working on stations in math as well. Each one has a different math activity. At one station we measured and calculated area, perimeter and volume. Another is basic simple addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to help us master our basic math facts, which is a big goal this month. This month the grade sevens are focusing on converting fraction and decimals. The grade eights are working on rational numbers.

In science we are studying ecosystems and have made a model landfill. We put some soil in a box, added orange peel, plastic lid, coffee grounds, pop can lid, lettuce, kraft paper, aluminum foil and covered it with soil. We are going to check it every five days to see what happens in a land fill. We are also trying to turn a pond into a grassland.

In social studies we've been learning about mapping. For example, we learned about the International Date Line which is an imaginary line on the globe where is on one day to the west and a day ahead to the east. We also learned about the Equator, Prime Meridian, latitude, and longitude.

In art this month we did something different with pumpkins. Instead of carving them, we painted our pumpkins into whatever we wanted. Some of the students made animals and others are decorating in a variety of ways.

Our guidance lesson this month was about friendship. We learned how to be a good friend to others.

At the end of a math unit about money the Early Years created a bakery to do some real-life practice with money. They took our orders, calculated the total and gave us change. We had mini donuts, Oreo cookies, Italian mixed cookies and a choice of drinks. They put in a lot of effort and we had fun!

- Middle Years Students



It might feel like it's too early to talk about next year, but we are already thinking about our little friends and look forward to seeing them in the kindergarten classroom.

The registration forms will be sent home by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please, fill out the forms and return them to school with a copy of the birth certificate by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2025/2026 school year.



Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement. Together, we're creating an inspiring environment for our students to learn, explore, and thrive!

