



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

KINDERGARTEN EDITION



Land-Based Learning



In November, our kindergarten children took part in a meaningful land-based learning experience centered on the Honorable Harvest. During our outdoor explorations, they gathered leaves while learning to ask the land for permission before picking anything and to offer thanks for what was given. The children practiced harvesting gently to minimize harm and showed wonderful respect for nature. We also talked about using only what we need, never wasting resources, and sharing with others. This month's learning helped deepen their gratitude, responsibility, and connection to the land.



Remembrance Day

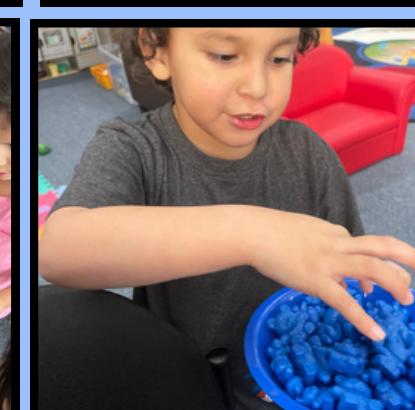


Our kindergarten children learned about Remembrance Day, including the important contributions of Indigenous veterans. They created poppy flowers and used handprints to make meaningful poppy art for our school remembrance day commemoration. Through these activities, they strengthened fine-motor skills, creativity, and cultural understanding while learning about respect, gratitude, and honoring those who served. Families can feel proud of their thoughtful learning.

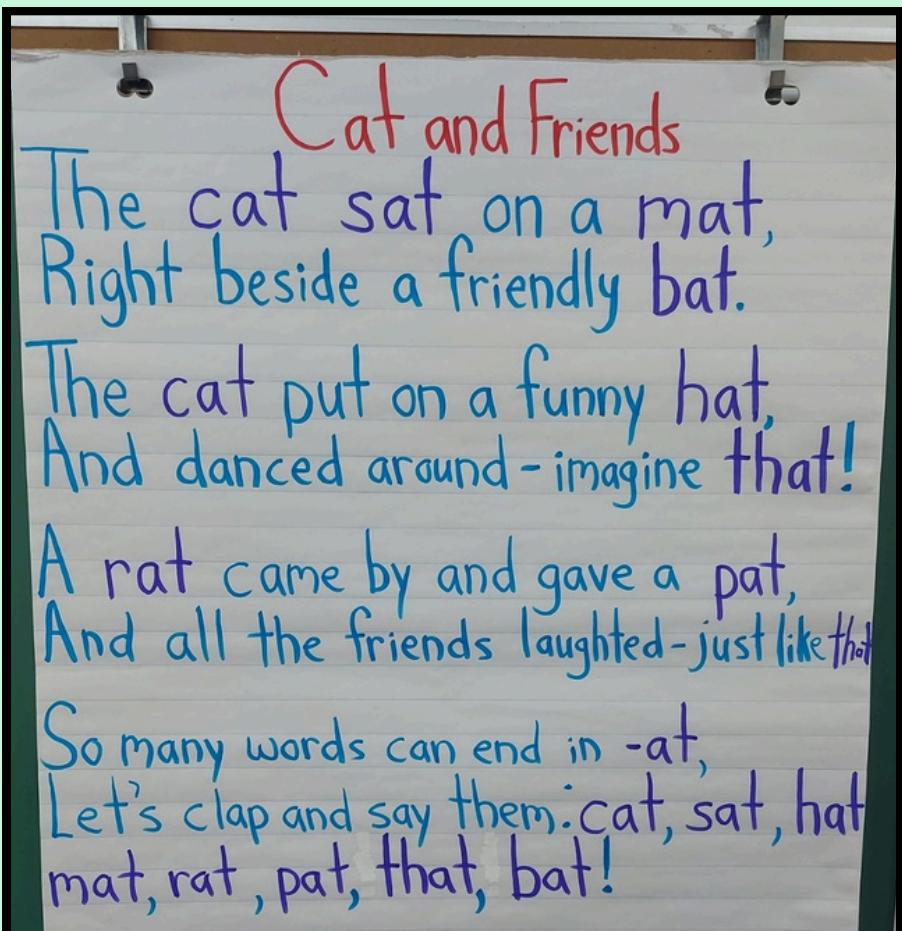
Fine Motor Leaf Table Activities



Our kindergarten children enjoyed exploring our bins of leaves! They used tweezers to pick out colourful bears, practiced matching letters, and built fine-motor and early math skills. Children also used their language by naming animals like makwa (bear). This hands-on activity supported curiosity, teamwork, sensory learning, and rich language development while celebrating nature and culture in our classroom.



Update in Literacy!



Our students have wrapped up their first Literacy unit, spending time learning letter sounds and practicing how to write them.

We're so proud of the effort each student has shown!

We've now moved into our next unit, where we're playing with rhyming words and sounds.

Using short poems and magnetic characters, students are discovering how words connect in fun and meaningful ways.

Numeracy Update: Numbers!



Our students have finished their unit on practicing numbers 1–10 in many fun ways: through pictures, using their hands, writing, and during play. We'll continue building these skills throughout the year, as number sense is so important.

We're also excited to shift into our new unit on shapes! Students are exploring "Shape City" with the help of a friendly bear named Sunny, making learning both playful and engaging.

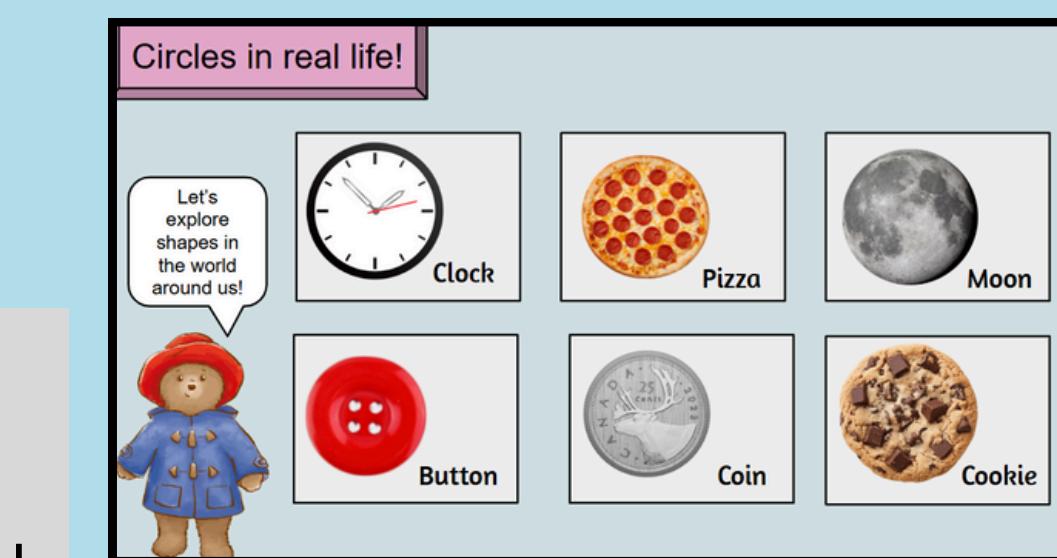
Traditional Drumming and Language Class



At the end of November, we were excited to welcome Ms. Brenda and Mr. Orville to HCMS for an in-person visit!

Ms. Brenda taught Oji-Cree vocabulary through hands-on crafts, such as creating animal masks, beading, and designing a makwa waazh (bear den).

Mr. Orville shared songs and teachings about the sacred drum in Oji-Cree and English.



Upcoming Classroom Events: Holiday Party!



Nov. 24 Progress Reports went Home
We are so proud of our students and all the growth reflected in their progress reports. They've worked hard, and we can't wait to see how they continue to learn and shine this year!

