OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
KINDERGARTEN EDITION

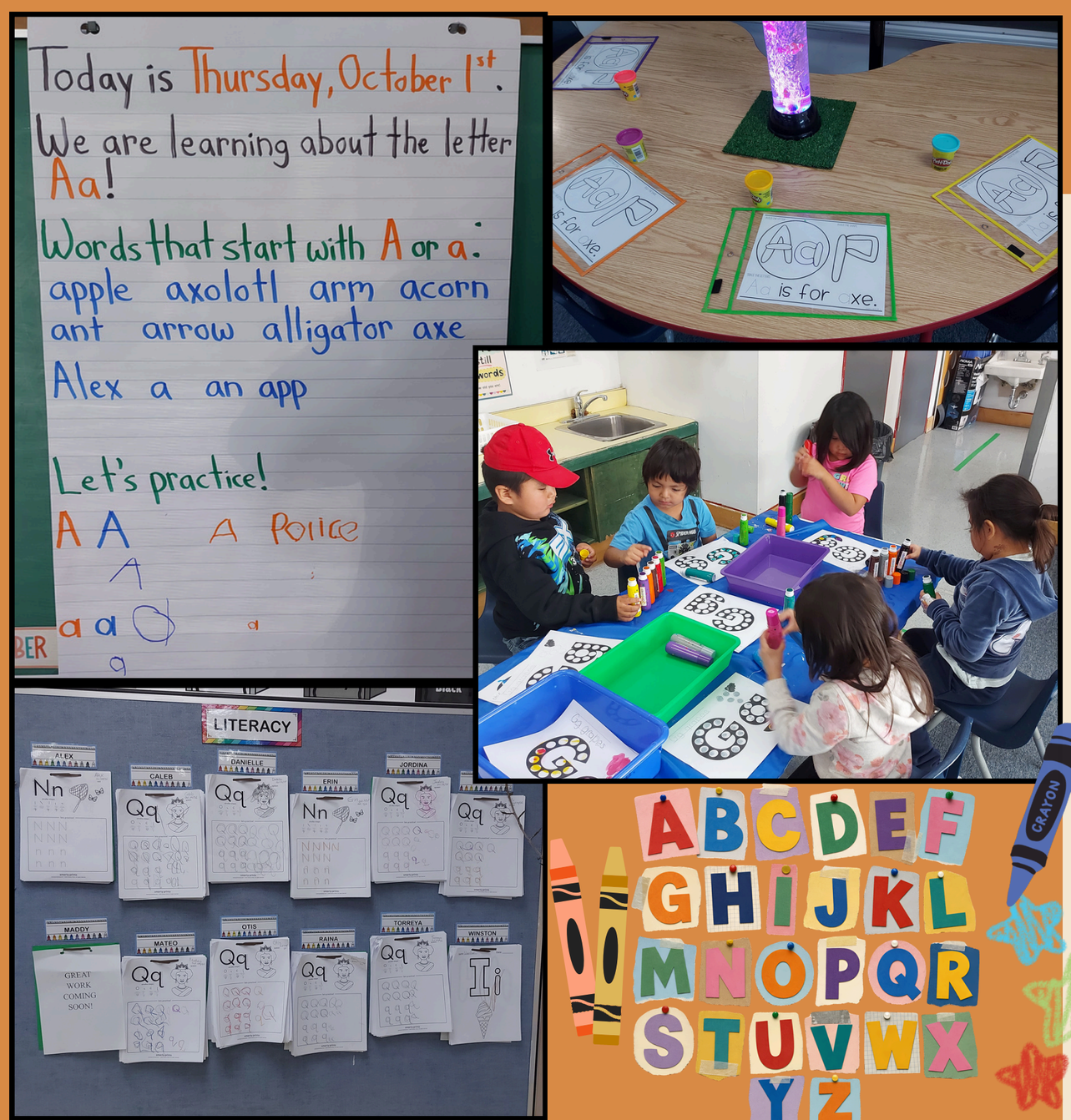
Culture Week

Our kindergarteners enjoyed Culture Week! Classroom stations included Oji-Cree bingo and matching games, stone painting, nature self-portraits, bannock making, and drumming with Orville. At the powwow grounds, children learned from community members and a school parent about preparing for hunting, exploring equipment, and boarding a boat. They identified animal tracks and discovered how to prepare camp and create warm shelters. Our High Hills walk included gathering rosehips, learning about the Honorable Harvest, collecting firewood, and enjoying a picnic together. Children also joyfully sang songs in their native language, celebrating Oji-Cree. These experiences nurtured curiosity, cooperation, and respect for the land. We are grateful to the families and community members who shared their time, teachings, and traditions with our young learners.





Literacy: Learning Our ABCs



At the beginning of October, our students have started to learning their ABCs. Every day we learn a new letter, the sound(s) it makes, words that start with that letter, and writing it. Our routine for learning the letters is reading a poem, followed by a jolly phonics song to practice the letter sound, then we read 5 words that start with our letter of the day, and then end with either a word scavenger hunt or a spinner movement activity reading and saying different words that begin with our letter. Coming up in Literacy is our unit on Phonemic Awareness where we isolate, blend, and segment letter sounds to create words. For example, c/a/t = cat.

Numeracy: Exploring Numbers 1-10

In Numeracy, students have been learning to count 1-10 through writing, colouring circles, and using their hands. Before we start learning our numbers, we sing a song, using our hands to count 1-10. We have also been practicing counting different Halloween themed objects like spiders, bats, and candy corn. Coming up in Numeracy is our unit on 2D and 3D shapes!

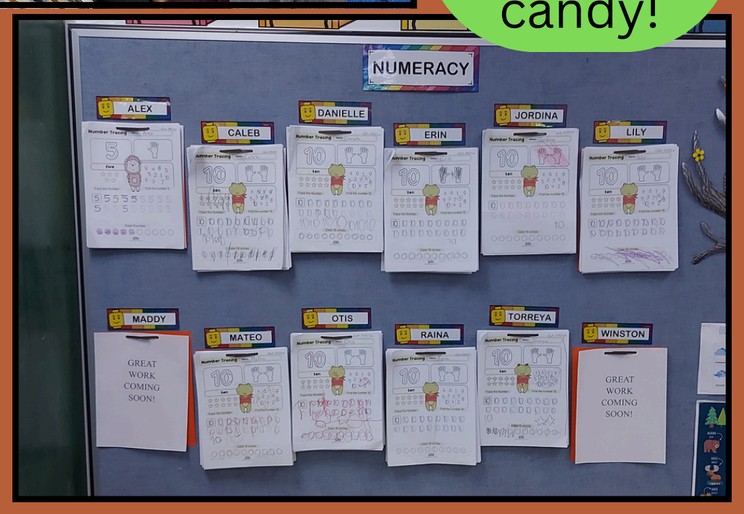




There is 6 pieces of candy!



I can show the number 4 on my hand!















4 Rivers Visit

Our kindergarteners had a wonderful time learning with Matawa Education, Four Rivers, and University of Guelph partners during their visit to Marten Falls! Children explored leaf shapes through colouring and practised identifying birds by listening to their sounds. Visual examples helped them learn about animal tracks. They also enjoyed touching and holding different rocks, noticing their colours and textures. Bringing home stones, including amethyst, was a special highlight! These activities helped our young learners build careful observation skills, ask questions, and deepen their connection with the land as future Guardians.

Kindergarten's Halloween Celebration

We had such a fun week leading up to our Friday Halloween Party on October 30, 2026! Our students created 3 different Halloween art pieces: hand ghosts, pumpkins, and witch hats. The week of Halloween, our classroom transformed into a spooktacular place filled with floating leaves and ghosts. On Friday, our afternoon was filled with Halloween fun! We started our afternoon with the whole school, participating in a costume parade. Afterwards, we returned to our classroom with students and family members to enjoy our Halloween Party food. Then, students went to each classroom to trick or treat. It was an amazing time and we can't wait for our next holiday classroom party!



Upcoming Events

Nov. 11 - Rememberance Day (School Closed)