

Hello Families,

We hope that you had a lovely long weekend, and enjoyed the beautiful fall colours! We have been enjoying colours within the four walls of the classroom too. Our Painting Centre was particularly busy this week. Has your child brought a painting home? Painting is a wonderful way for your child to express their thoughts and views of the world around them. Some children have been drawn to painting their families, their houses, to practice their names, and to feel the sensation of paint and colour mixing between their fingers. Take a look at some of the things that your child is learning at the easel:



At the beginning of the year, we set out only primary colours at the painting Centre and stood back to watch. From the very first day, Evan was so excited to discover, on his own, how to make the colour green! Although some children tried their hand at colour-mixing, it wasn't until Ms. Warren read the amazing book, *The Great Blueness and Other Predicaments*, that the interest in colour really started to take off. Did your child tell you about the story? We've already read it a few times. Ms. Warren then set up a large colour wheel Centre. Some children came to help,

and painted red, blue, and yellow "slices" on the wheel. The colour wheel then sat for some days. But after we read the book again, we had a wonderful discussion about *primary colours*. Ask your child if you can make RED! Later on, she challenged other children at the easel to make green, orange, and then purple. Avery and Gilbert were excited to try, and experimented together until they figured it out. It was quite the process of discovery and excitement between the two. Then they brought the paint over to the wheel to fill in the other "slices". Later, we introduced the term *secondary colour*, and talked about why Ms. Warren was so picky about where those colours went on the wheel! After that, Ms. Warren put out all of the colours at the paint easel, as well as paint pallets and mixing brushes. It's been quite a messy and beautiful area of discovery.





-Dates to remember:

-Friday October 25th is a **PD Day**. There is no school on that day for your child

-Pictures are now up on our class website! Check it out on

<https://primarywt.weebly.com/> . ****If you selected 'No' on the Media Release form, your child's photo will not be on the website****

-**Please label everything** that comes in with your child, such as **coats** and **sweaters** (as the days get cooler), and even **food containers**. **Boots and shoes** can also be easily returned to your child if they are labeled with their name.

-Your child may bring in a labeled **water bottle** to keep in class.

-A spare **change of clothes** to be kept at school would be much appreciated. Please send in a **labeled Ziploc bag**. We will keep them in class.

-Please check your child's bag and **Communication Scribbler** every day and ensure it is **returned on a daily basis**. Thank you! You may also send us a message in the Communication Scribbler. If you have an **urgent message**, leaving a **telephone** message is another option 902-457-8422.

-As a school, we ask that birthday party invitations to be distributed outside of school. We sent home a **class list of phone numbers and emails for parents** to use as needed

-It is very important and helpful to label any money you are requested to send to school. We recommend an envelope that includes your **child's name**, the **amount**, and **purpose of the money**. Thank you very much!

-We are excited to go on **nature hikes** in Hemlock Ravine and **field trips** this year, but we need your help to take your children off-site! We require 5 adults to chaperone our class of 17 children. If you would like to be a parent volunteer at any time this year, the school requires a current **Criminal Record Check** and **Child Abuse Registry** background check. You will find links to those checks under the **Parents section** on our website: <http://gvw.hrsb.ca/our-school> .

We appreciate your time to read through this note, and your support with the items above. We look forward to building a partnership with you and learn with your child in the coming year. Stay tuned for more news about our classroom and program next week.

Thank you,
Ms.Warren and Mrs.Klyne