Hello Families,

We hope that you enjoyed the glorious weather this weekend. Ms. Warren went for a ramble with her boys in Hemlock Ravine on Saturday, and the colours were breathtaking.

This letter is dedicated to all things Math! Have you been wondering what we have been up to? Over the last couple of weeks we have been focusing on patterns. We began with recognizing patterns in the classroom, our clothing and then went on a pattern hunt/walk in the hallways of the school. Patterns were spotted everywhere! There was great excitement!



Then, we moved on to creating our own patterns; ask your child exactly what we needed for a pattern to be a pattern. Most of our focus was on AB patterns (e.g. red, blue, red, blue, red, blue OR big, little, big, little, big, little OR square, circle, square, circle, square, circle). There were a few students who made ABC patterns (e.g. red, blue, purple, red, blue, purple, etc) so we all stopped to take a look.

Here are some patterns that your children created:



We spent a small amount of time extending someone else's pattern which was a bit more challenging. We will continue to come back to patterning throughout the year. Keep on pattern hunting!

-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 <u>https://primarywt.weebly.com/</u> . \*\*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