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"Where the Eagles Soar"



December 2025



Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Interviews and supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Your involvement makes a tremendous difference in your child's learning journey, and we truly appreciate the time you took to connect with teachers and encourage a love of reading.

As we head into the holiday season, I wish you and your family joy, peace, and time together. This is a wonderful opportunity to share stories, read books with your child, and even explore your local library for new adventures. Visiting family and spending time together creates memories that last a lifetime—and reading together is one of the best gifts you can give.

REMINDER: Classes resume on Monday, January 5. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a great start to the new year!

For updates on upcoming events and important dates, please check our school website and calendar regularly.

Happy Holidays and see you in 2026!

Susan Drysdale
Principal, Clifton School



Rm. 10 Mrs. Lagadi

Nursery Kindergarten

What a busy place Room 10 has been! The Nursery and Kindergarten students have been learning many things this past month. We began our science unit on colour and had so much fun learning about all the colours! The children enjoyed wearing their clothes to match the colour of the day and creating many pieces of art relating to colour.



Our grocery store in the dramatic play center has been a great success! The students really enjoyed “shopping” for food and there were many writing opportunities for the students in this center. The students loved filling out the grocery lists and tallying up the amount due.

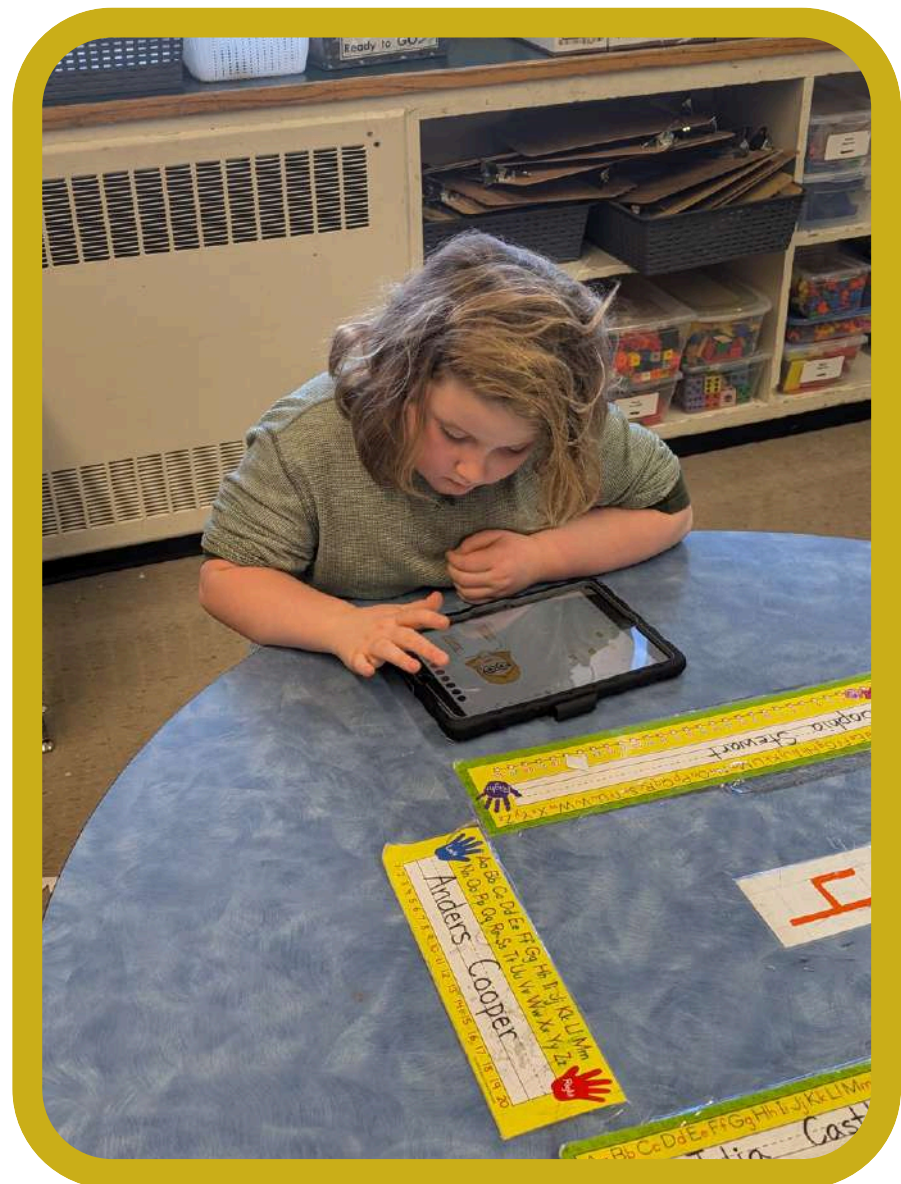
It was wonderful to meet with all the parents for the parent teacher conferences and to share in your child’s successes in Nursery and Kindergarten. In December we will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes, printing instruction and learning about holiday celebrations from around the world! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Lagadi



Rm. 7 Ms. Eleno/Ms. Regier

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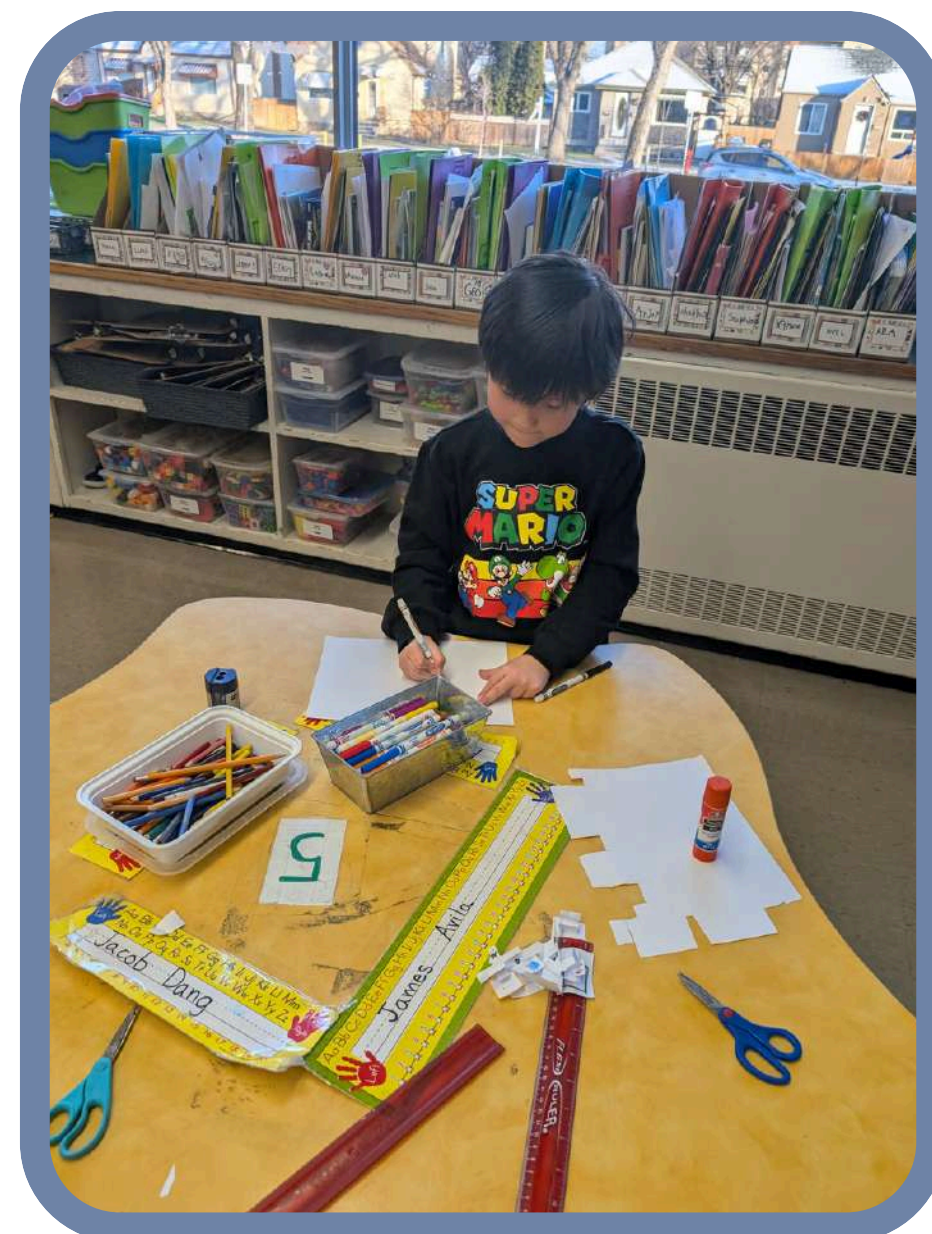
This November Ms. Regier left to have her baby. Now we have Ms. Eleno. They switched like magic! Ms. Eleno is so sweet and kind and so was Ms. R.

In class I made my own map. So did my class. My map showed how I get to school. I also switched tables. Now I sit with new friends. We also have been practicing counting and mixing colors.

I loved Ms. R and we love Ms. Eleno so far.



Written by Sophia in Room 7





Rm. **Ms. Langille**

rades 1 and 2



What an exciting month of learning we've had! In **Math**, our class explored **place value** and discovered how many groups of ten are in a two-digit number. Using **digi-blocks** made this concept highly engaging, and the students loved building and breaking apart numbers!

In **ELA**, our focus was on **sight words**. Each week, students learned **three new words** that formed sentence starters, then used them to create their own pattern books. At the end of the week, we shared our writing with table groups and reflected on what we did well and what we could improve as authors.



Science was a big hit this month as we investigated **solids, liquids, and gases**. We explored properties of matter, tested which solids dissolve, and experimented with materials that absorb, float, and sink. The highlight for the students was designing and building their **very own boats**!

November was full of curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning.



Rm. **Mrs. Bedard**

rades 3



What a busy month of learning **November has been in room 4!** Our class has been busy exploring the geography of Canada! Students have shown wonderful curiosity and enthusiasm as we've learned about the unique features of Canada's different geographical regions—from the towering mountains of the West to the rolling prairies, the rugged Canadian Shield, and the coastal beauty of the Atlantic provinces.

To bring our learning to life, we read the delightful picture book *Carson Crosses Canada*. In the story, Carson the dog and his owner Annie travel across the country, giving us a fun and engaging way to imagine what it might be like to journey through Canada ourselves.

We also studied the work of Emily Carr, a Canadian artist who was deeply inspired by the beauty of the Canadian environment. After learning about her art, students created their own original pieces inspired by the different geographical regions of Canada. The creativity and imagination they brought to their artwork was truly impressive!

Our next exciting step is a creative project: each student will design their own road trip across Canada. They'll plan their route, choose stops along the way, and highlight the regions they'd most like to explore. This activity will combine geography, creativity, and storytelling, giving students a chance to apply what they've learned in a fun and imaginative way.

We're looking forward to seeing the amazing journeys and artwork our young geographers create!

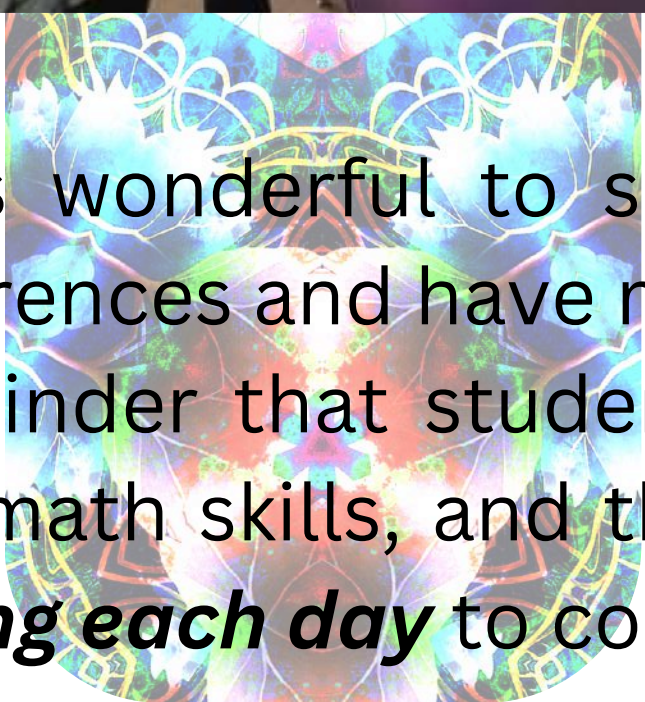




Rm. 3 Mrs. Kuzyk

grades 3

In Room 3, our students have been diving into the fascinating world of light! Through provocations in different learning centers, they worked together to explore how light behaves and interacts with materials. They discovered the magic of kaleidoscopes and periscopes, sparking curiosity about reflection and angles. Students conducted experiments to see how light reflects and travels and wrote their own questions about light. Working together, students demonstrated creativity and problem-solving that deepened their understanding of light.



It was wonderful to see so many families at our recent parent-teacher conferences and have meaningful conversations about each child's learning. A reminder that students have access to **Mathletics at home** to support their math skills, and they should also be completing **20 minutes of home reading each day** to continue building strong literacy habits.



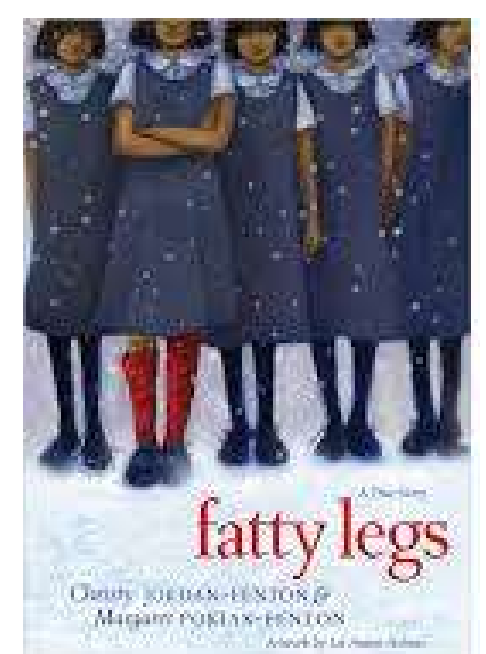
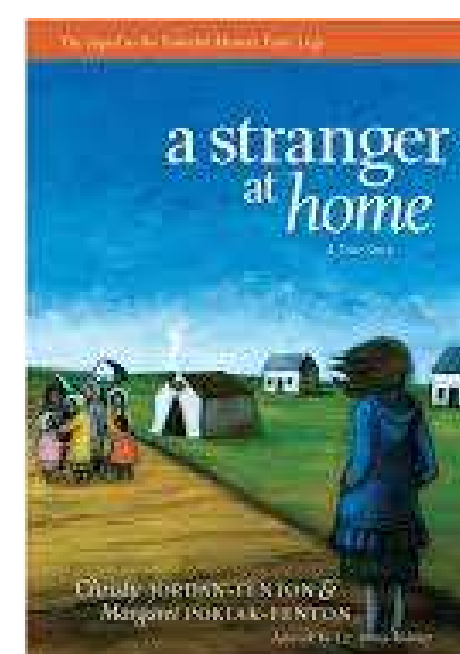
Rm. 6 Mrs. Schultz

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In Room 6, we've been diving into exciting learning experiences! Over the past few weeks, our focus in math has been on strengthening our understanding of decimals, fractions, and percentages. We've been using hands-on tools such as number lines and Cuisenaire rods, as well as engaging card games, to help us think critically and store this information in our long term memory. Along the way, we're building resiliency in our math skills and embracing new challenges with enthusiasm!

In literacy and art, we've explored the powerful impact of the book series Fatty Legs and A Stranger at Home. Students expressed their reflections through their choice of artistic medium, with painting, clay, charcoal, digital art, and sketching, showing creativity and deep thinking. We are also learning to understand Canadian history through the lens of our ancestors, making meaningful connections to the past.

Take a look at some of the art students have created here





Music and Arts

Mrs. Robinson

Some musical creatures have joined our classroom—they're called the **Music Beat Buddies**! They love to dance to a steady beat, so **Nursery/Kindergarten**, **Room 7**, and **Room 9** have been helping them learn how to move and keep the beat strong.



Room 3 and **Room 6** will begin their **recorder unit** this month. Which song do you think they should learn first?

Do you know what a **Rondo** is? **Room 4** does! Next time you see them, give them a try and ask.

I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work all the students put into the Remembrance Day song, A Song of Peace. Their performance was truly beautiful.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 2Day	2Day 3	3Day 4	4Day 5	5 6Day
8Day 1	9Day 2	10Day 3	11Day 4	12Day 5
15Day 6	16Day 1	17Day 2 Holiday Sale HOLIDAY SALE!	18Day 3	19Day 4
22 Winter Break Starts	23	24	25 Christmas 	26 Boxing Day 
29	30	31	1 January New Year's Day 2026 	2 Winter Break Ends
5 School Reopens Day 5	6Day 6	7Day 1	8Day 2	9Day 3