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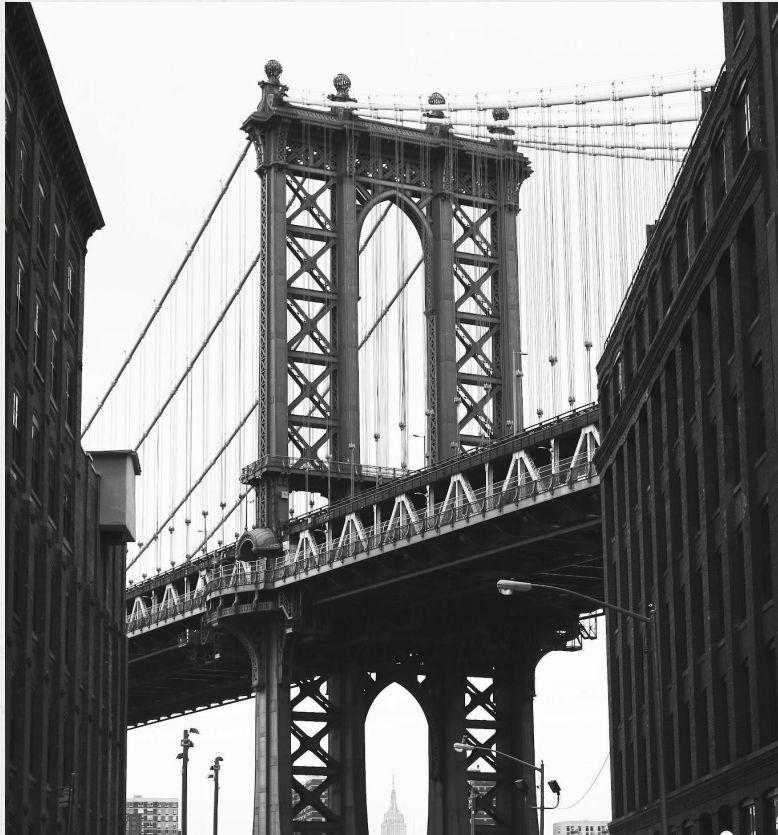
# Hawthorn Highlights

**A Look Into Our School, One Story at a Time**

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# Welcome to our first edition of the Hawthorn Highlights

Over the next few weeks our students will share some a bit of what is happening at Hawthorn Elementary. We hope you enjoy it!

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## Adding Two Digit Numbers-Students' Strategies

### 1 Building Using Base Tens and Ones

My favorite adding strategy is building using base tens and ones because I find it the easiest. I like to use my hands to build numbers and to solve problems.

### 2 Adding Using Number Lines

My favorite adding strategy is using a numberline because I like to jump tens first and ones next. I like see the numbers get bigger.

### 3 Hundreds Chart

I like using the hundreds chart because it's really helpful in math. I love how you can look at the chart and see what numbers come next. We also got to use a 200 chart and it helps me see what numbers come after 100.

### 4 Math Scooters

I love Math Scooters because we work in partners and help each other figure out the math problems. To make it easier we should look around the classroom for the different stations or follow the group before you.

# Trace Fossils

By students in 4 Grattan

## DID YOU KNOW?



For the past 12 weeks Grade 4 Grattan has been doing a Sea to School program with SuperNova via zoom. We meet with our Dalhousie University student every week for an hour and learn about ocean things such as coral bleaching, kelp forests, ocean zones, and the rock cycle. Every week we also do an experiment.

In the latest one we talked about the Cambrian Explosion [not an actual explosion] and fossils. We made trace fossils out of air dry clay. Trace fossils aren't the actual bones of a dinosaur but something they left behind like footprints. Lastly we played a game where we had to guess the fossil. Two of the fossils were coelacanth and coral.



# Book clubs

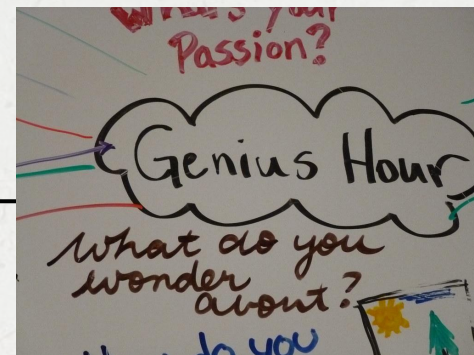
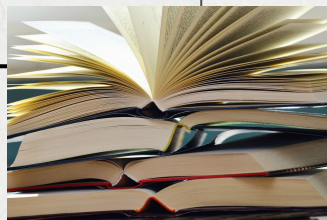
Ms.Ryan's Gr.6  
class



# Genius Hour

The first step of book clubs was choosing the books. How Ms.Ryan did that was she let everyone look at all of the books she had triples of and everybody chose their top three. Ms.Ryan put everybody into groups based on their top three. There are three people in each group. The groups have started reading their books this week and every member has a job. The leader has to find questions for the group to answer when they meet together. Then there is the word wizard, that member finds words that they don't know and will find the meanings in a dictionary and show them to the group. Last is the summarizer, they would summarize all that happened in the book since the last meeting. Weekly the groups meet together and talk about what they read.

Genius hour is a big project in grade 6 Ryan, students must choose a topic of interest create a question to answer. Then research the topic and finally turn it into an interesting presentation. As Ms.Ryan herself said, "Genius Hour gives students an opportunity to explore their passions." The students are all excited to share their interests with the class. Some students are doing baking presentations along with many other interesting topics. It can really be anything they want, as long as they run it by Ms. Ryan first.



## Joke

Why did the nose not want to go to school ?

He was tired of getting picked on!



# Thank you!

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