

Kindergarten Chronicles

September 14, 2018

We had a fabulous week in kindergarten! It's hard to believe that we have already been in school for 8 days! This week we continued to practice our rules and the students have all worked hard to become part of the Highlands School community.

We started using our new phonics curriculum, *Foundations* this past week. We focused on learning the letter **Tt**, as well as introducing all of the materials associated with the curriculum. Each child was excited to see that they got their own whiteboard, marker, eraser, student notebook, and magnetic tile board. We will continue to learn about the rest of the letters in the alphabet for the next 12 weeks! Be on the lookout for different letters that you can find outside of school. Encourage your kindergartener to find letters at home, the grocery store, in the car when looking at signs, etc.

This week in math, the children explored new math tools: pattern blocks, connecting cubes, and geoblocks. The children made patterns with each of these math tools, as well as examined their similarities and differences. Some students noticed that they could combine shapes to make larger shapes. For example, they could put two trapezoids together to make one hexagon. We were amazed to see how they explored these math tools like true mathematicians! Be on the lookout for different shapes that you can find at home! Make sure to talk to your child about the names of the different shapes...you may even want to go on a shape hunt!

Once again we loved the beautiful fall weather this week! We will continue to go out for recess so please make sure that your kindergartner has sneakers to wear on the playground. Also, as the weather becomes cooler in the upcoming weeks, we ask that you dress your child appropriately so that he/she can enjoy their time on the playground.

You will notice that your child may be coming home tired. Being in school full time is a big transition! Be gentle with your child as he or she adjusts to the new schedule.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend! We also hope to see you on Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00 for our Fall Open House. This will be a night for

parents only, due to the fact that we will spend the evening discussing the kindergarten curriculum. A Highlands tradition is to buy your child a treat from the bake sale and leave it for him/her on their desk for snack the next morning

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team

Word Wall Words: I

Updates and Reminders:

- Open House is Tuesday, September 25th from 6:00 - 7:00.
- If you haven't already done so, please send in a change of clothing for your child "just in case". Please put a shirt, pants, socks, and underwear in a large Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name.
- The Back to School Bash is Saturday, September 22nd.
- Don't forget the school calendar as well as other important information can be found on the school website: danverspublicschools.org/Highlands.