

Kindergarten Chronicles

September 28, 2018

We had another great week in kindergarten! We are still discussing and practicing our rules and routines and getting better and better at remembering them by the day! Thank you to everyone who made it to the open house on Tuesday evening. It was great to see everyone again and share a little more about our day to day life here in Kindergarten. As the school year progresses students are spending more and more time learning. This week has been full of exciting lessons in science, reading and math!

This was our third week of Reader's Workshop and our Kindergarten friends are loving the time to read independently and with partners. This week students learned that "reading is thinking" and that when re-reading books it's important to stop and think about your learning on each page. We also learned that good readers don't just learn from pictures, they learn from words too! Many of our Kindergarten friends were excited to realize they could read real words (with the help of the pictures) in many of their non-fiction books! We are looking forward to reading more next week!

In Foundations, we worked on lowercase letters **n** and **m**. The children continued the routine of saying the letter, picture, sound for all letters, but focusing on the n and m sound. They practiced making these letters in their notebooks and on their whiteboards. We sent home information regarding these letters in the beginning of the week. Please make sure to review this information and continue to practice with your child-especially the correct pencil grip! We also learned a new sight word-- THE. So far this year, students have learned the words CAN, THE, I, and A. You can help your student practice these words by hunting for them at home! Noticing these words in their everyday environment will help your child eventually read them in books! Thank you for your support!

This week in math we continued to focus on careful counting and noticing the attributes of objects to sort. We had fun noticing the attributes of our friends and sorting us into different groups. (wearing shorts, not wearing shorts-- blonde hair, not blonde hair) Then, students used this skill to sort attributes blocks into two groups. We had so much fun learning together!

We also did our first science lessons! Mrs. Nestle's class began learning about the weather. They did an experiment with water to discuss temperature and took a weather walk to observe the conditions outside. Mrs. Sisson's class began learning about living things and discussed the needs of plants and animals. Ms. Kline's class learned about forces and motion. They discovered that objects do not start to move until a force is exerted on it by another object. They practiced making things move in different ways with pushes and pulls. Our kindergarten friends are loving science so far and are eager to learn more about these interesting topics!

We hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend with your children!

The Kindergarten Team

Reminders:

- **Early Release:** Wednesday, October 3rd- students will be dismissed at 1:15.
- **REMIND:** Please sign up for your class's REMIND if you have not. It is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher and get whole class memos! Email your child's teacher with any questions.
- **Website:** The Highlands School website has lots of great information and resources for parents. Here is the link for you to explore: <https://danverspublicschools.org/highlands/>