

# Kindergarten Chronicles

## October 13, 2018

Although it was a short week, we had another amazing week in kindergarten!

Congratulations to Mrs. Sisson's class for winning the golden ticket in Wednesday Afternoon Meeting!

We loved having a pajama day on Wednesday. It was so funny to watch Mr. G. and Mrs. Anderson get a pie in the face. What a way to end a fun day. Thank you so much to PAC for organizing and thank you to everyone who raised money for our school. We are still waiting for the final count on the total amount raised. It was a great day!

We have all started Writer's Workshop. The children were able to decorate his or her writing folder to prepare for our first unit. This week we started to brainstorm topics they could write about. They learned, "When you're done, you've just begun!" a phrase we say all of the time. We have them go back, add more to the pictures and more to their words. They also learned how to carry on independently as writers and come up with their own solutions to their problems that they face when they are writing. They had a great first week with this! In writing, we also have them write what they hear phonetically. They are doing great with this first step!

In Foundations, we learned about **Cc** and **Oo**. Please continue to practice writing these with your child at home using the language we send in the packet in the beginning of every week. The children are completing work at school to practice and build on these letters. Please take the time each night to empty your child's red folder and go over these papers with him or her. Thank you!

We added two new words to our word wall this week, **my** and **is**. We add two new words a week so it is important to continue to practice these at home for mastery. Children are expected to read (not write) these from memory. Please make sure to continue to praise your child for all of his or her hard work!

In math, the children learned a new game called Build It. In this activity, the children flipped over a number card (1-10) and put that many counters on a ten frame. We discussed that a ten frame had five spots on the top and five spots on the bottom for a total of ten. The children started to develop visual images for numbers up to ten. The children continued working on Roll and Record and Grab and Count.

In science, Mrs. Nestle's class continued learning about the weather. They learned that the sun warms the surface of the Earth, that models help scientists answer questions about their investigations, and they measured the temperature of the playground surface. Mrs. Sisson's class learned about different habitats. They learned that animals can only live in a place that has the food they need and that different animals eat different food so they live in different places. On Thursday, they discovered the answer to the Chapter One Question and learned why there are no monarch caterpillars living in the Garden. This week in science Ms. Kline's class started exploring shorter and longer distances. In order to continue building their pinball machines, the Kindergarten

engineers began working on answering the question "What makes an object move shorter and longer distances?"

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
The Kindergarten Team

**High Frequency Words:** I, can, a, to, the, is, my  
**Letters we have learned so far:** t, b, f, m, n, i, u

**Updates and Reminders:**

- The Monster Mash is this Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.
- Save the Date: Our Spotlight Performance is Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:40 - 2:10.
- Next week in Library, Mrs. James is doing Makerspace week with the theme of leaves. The children's book will not be due until the following week.
- Don't forget to look at the Highlands' Website at <http://danverspublicschools.org/highlands/>