

Kindergarten Chronicles

November 2, 2018

What a fun week! The children did an amazing job during their first ever spotlight! It was wonderful to see them perform and to see so many families here to celebrate them. Thank you again for coming to watch!

The children learned two new word wall words, **in** and **so**. Our letters of the week were Ee-Ed-d and Rr-rat-r. The children practiced writing lowercase e and r during Foundations. We practiced syllables and rhyming this week as well. Please make sure to practice these two skills at home as well. They really enjoy finding our word wall words and letter of the week in our daily morning messages!

This was a really exciting week in reader's workshop as we started our new unit: Super Powers: Reading with Print Strategies and Sight Word Power. The children developed their first super power-pointer power! This week we focused on pointing under each word while reading. The children received their first book baggie full of books that were just right for them to read. They were so excited to practice using their pointer power while reading from their very own book baggie. They also couldn't wait to show off their reading skills to their partner during partner reading. It was an exciting week and they have already learned so much!

During writing workshop this week we started writing show and tell books about places that we love. They worked on adding more to their illustrations, labels and writing. The students have continued to revise and edit their writing after they have finished a story. Please encourage your child to write at home using kindergarten spelling (writing the sounds they hear) to help build his or her confidence.

We started a new math unit this week, Unit 3 Make A Shape, Fill A Hexagon. This week the students learn about 2-D shapes, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, diamond (rhombus), and oval. The children created shape pictures, made shapes on the geoboard, and created 2-D shapes from playdough. We described the attributes of the various shapes during the week.

In science this week, Mrs. Nestle's class continued to talk about sunlight, and figured out that the longer sunlight shines on a surface, the hotter the surface gets. The children were then able to figure out that the temperature of the surface of our playground is hottest during the afternoon, and not the morning! Mrs. Sisson's class learned that plants need water to live and grow. They also learned that animals need water from the place where they are in order to live and grow. Ms. Kline's class used what they have learned about how forces affect direction and distance to hit different targets around the room.

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Kindergarten Team

Our word wall words so far are: **I, can, go, is, in, my, me, on, so, to, the, like, a**
Flip over for updates and reminders!

Updates and Reminders:

- Wednesday, November 7th is an early release day, dismissal is at 1:15
- Monday, November 12th there is no school in honor of Veterans' Day.
- Don't forget to look at the Highlands' Website at <http://danverspublicschools.org/highlands/>