

Kindergarten Chronicles

November 16, 2018

We had a very busy four day week! The children loved being able to make Mickey Mouse ears and celebrate Mickey's birthday on Friday!

For Reader's Workshop, the children continued to read books from their leveled book bags. The children read their books using all of their 'Super Reader Powers', which include: pointer power, reread power, partner power, picture power, snap word power, sound power, and persistence power! We also focused on reading fluently. The children learned that they shouldn't sound like a robot when reading; instead, they tried to make their sentences sound smooth!

In Writer's Workshop, the children focused on writing sentences using a capital letter at the beginning of the first word, finger spaces between words, and a period at the end. We talked a lot about the importance of having spaces between our words, otherwise, we are unable to read our writing! We also focused on trying to write more than one sentence on each page. Many children were up for this challenge! Finally, we worked on writing endings to our stories!

In Foundations, we worked on lowercase letters **l**, **h**, and **k**. The children continued the routine of saying the letter, picture, sound for all letters but focusing on the l, h, and k sound. They practiced making these letters in their notebooks and white boards. Our new sight words this week are: **and** and **up**.

In math we started Unit 4, "Collect, Count, and Measure". This past week, the children traced the outline of their shoe, and measured it with cubes. The children were then able to measure the outline of their classmates' shoes. The children loved doing this! We also measured different strips of paper with popsicle sticks. We talked about the importance of making sure that we lined up our popsicle stick with the edge of the paper and carefully measured. You may want to measure different objects at home with your child! For example, measure the length of a pencil using Cheerios, or measure the height of your kitchen table using pencils/pens.

In science, we continued to dive deeper into our three different units. Mrs. Nestle's class focused on understanding that dark surfaces get warmer than pale surfaces when the sunlight shines on them. The children also learned that scientists use models to help them answer questions they are investigating. The children read about two different models - the water strider model, and the river plants model. Mrs. Sisson's class learned that plants need sunlight to grow. Unfortunately, the sunflowers that were used to conduct this experiment died over the long weekend. However, the children were still able to see that the seeds

in the sunlight did grow while the seeds kept in darkness did not grow. In science this week students in Ms. Kline's class learned that objects change direction when another object exerts a force on it. They used this knowledge to add bumpers and flippers to their pinball machines and observed their pinball change direction when these objects exerted a force on it.

As always, we wish for you a wonderful weekend with your family!

The Kindergarten Team

Turn over for updates!

High Frequency Words:

I, can, the, a, to, is, my, go, me, like, on, in, so, we, it, and, up

Updates and Reminders:

- **Wednesday, November 21st** is a half day. Students are dismissed at 12:05. No lunch is served.
 - On this day the school celebrates slipper day! Students can bring a pair of slippers to school to wear on this special half day. They are also invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal! We will enjoy a comfy day of reading and learning together!
- School is closed **November 22nd** and **November 23rd**.
- **Monday, December 3rd** - Conference Day.
 - The children will not have school, but parents will come for parent teacher conferences if they have not already had one yet!
- Don't forget that the school calendar as well as other important information can be found on the school website: danverspublicschools.org/Highlands