

Kindergarten Chronicles

February 15, 2019

Our kindergarteners had a fabulous week! Many of the children enjoyed passing out valentines to their classmates on Thursday! It was truly a special moment!

In Reader's Workshop the children had "Reading Playdates" with their reading partners using their fiction and nonfiction books. Many children enjoyed looking for sight words, acting out different parts of their books, and pretending like they were a teacher when reading their books. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home!

In Writer's Workshop, the children continued to work on their "How To" books. Many students worked on editing their writing to make it the best that they could! We talked about making sure that our "How To" books have a letter for each sound in words, word wall words spelled correctly, spaces between words, and uppercase and lowercase letters. When we come back from vacation the children will work on illustrating and publishing their final "How To" stories!

In Foundations, the children worked on segmenting sounds in words in order to write them. The children also worked on blending sounds together when reading words. Additionally, the children worked on putting all of the letters of the alphabet in alphabetical order, using their magnetic letter tiles. Lastly, the children continued to work on reviewing all of the letters, their sounds, and how to correctly write all uppercase and lowercase letters. We also learned two new sight words this week: **was** and **they**.

In math we finished Unit 6, "How Many Now?". This week the children were introduced to a new story problem called, "Five Crayons in All". The children were told that they would need to put five crayons in one box. Of the five crayons, some could be blue and some could be red. The children's job was to determine how many of each color could fit in the box. Therefore, the children had to figure out different math equations that added up to 5. For example, 3 red crayons + 2 blue crayons = 5 crayons in all! After the children had mastered equations for 5, they worked on finding math equations with a total of 6. Another math game that the children played is called, "Toss the Chips". To play this game, the children took six double-sided red and yellow chips and tossed them in the air. Then they had to

count how many chips landed on the red side, and how many landed on the yellow side. The children then recorded their answers. It is amazing to see our students growing into such great mathematicians!

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

The Kindergarten Team

High Frequency Words:

I, can, the, a, to, is, my, go, me, like, on, in, so, we, it, and, up, at, see, he, do, you, an, no, am, said, went, come, here, are, this, look, for, play, was, they

Updates and Reminders:

- February Vacation - Monday, February 18th - Friday, February 22nd.
 - School resumes on Monday, February 25th.
- We will celebrate **Dr. Seuss' birthday** during the week we get back from vacation (**February 25th - March 1st**). Please send in any Dr. Seuss books you have at home for us to read at school! Also, please make sure your child's name is written inside of the cover of the book!
- Don't forget the school calendar as well as other important information can be found on the school website: danverspublicschools.org/Highlands.