

Kindergarten Chronicles

March 1, 2019

Our kindergarteners had a fabulous week back after vacation! We loved hearing stories of all the fun family activities that happened over vacation!

We had a special Reader's Workshop this week! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday all this week and read all the great books you sent in. The children then practiced reading Dr. Seuss books all week during independent and partner reading. They loved reading these familiar stories and learned how to read so many new words from these books! Thank you for sharing your books with us!

In Writer's Workshop, the children were able to pick a favorite How To story to publish. Once they picked their story, their teacher typed it into a book format and the students were able to illustrate it and share their published work with their classmates.

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: **here** and **will**.

In math we began a new unit, unit 7, How Many Noses? How Many Eyes? We began this unit by playing Attribute Block Match Up and Button Match Up. The students worked together in pairs, selected an attribute (ex: red, triangle, two holes) and matched up the blocks or buttons that matched that attribute. The students completed Pattern Block Grab. In this activity, students grabbed a handful of pattern blocks, sorted them, recorded how many of each they grabbed, and wrote the total. They did a great job remembering all of the steps! At the end of the week we started to create Do You Like questionnaires. The students asked their classmates if they like something, collected the data and then analyzed the data and found out if more or less people liked/didn't like it. They had a lot of fun doing this!

In science, Mrs. Nestle's class began investigating if garlic needs water to grow. The scientists put one clove of garlic in a cup without water and one clove of garlic in a cup with water. We will continue to observe what happens with our garlic cloves over the next few weeks! Ms. Kline's class measured the temperature in the sun and the shade. They learned when the sunlight shines on a surface, the surface gets warmer. Mrs. Sisson's class continued experimenting with their pinball machines, observing how they could make a pinball move a short distance or a long distance.

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, here, will

Updates and Reminders:

- Don't forget the school calendar as well as other important information can be found on the school website: danverspublicschools.org/Highlands.
- Wednesday, March 6th is an early release, dismissal is 1:15