

Kindergarten Chronicles

March 8, 2019

Our kindergarteners had another fabulous week! It was great to hear all the fun things the children did on the snow day!

In Reader's Workshop this week we started a new unit, *Growing Expertise in Little Books: Reading for Information*. In this unit, students will learn how to read nonfiction books in order to become an expert on a topic. This week students learned that good nonfiction readers ask questions when they are reading to make sure they are thinking and learning. It was amazing walking around during independent reading and hearing students say "I wonder..." when reading about a new topic.

In Writer's Workshop, the children began their final writing unit, which is focused on opinion writing. We talked about the many different problems that the children may see inside or outside of school. For example, we talked about how some children may run in the hall at school, or how not all children put the caps on the glue sticks and it causes them to dry out. After identifying different problems that the children face, we brainstormed some ideas of how we could fix those problems. For example, we could write a letter to anyone who runs in the hallway, to remind them about the importance of walking and always being safe. We also discussed that we could create a sign to hang up in the hallway, write a song, etc.

In Foundations, the children continued to work on segmenting sounds in words in order to write them and blending sounds together when reading words. We also learned two new sight words this week: **as** and **by**.

In math, we continued unit 7, *How Many Noses? How Many Eyes?* Students continued to play Attribute Dominoes and Pattern Block Grab, and complete "Do You Like..." questionnaires in math centers. We spent time as a team practicing number stories and analyzing data about our teammates. We also learned how to make a representation of a group and use that representation to count in different ways.

Mrs. Nestle's class planted radish seed this week in science. They are continuing to experiment to see if seeds need water to grow. In one cup we did not use water. In another cup, we will water the seeds over the next few weeks to see which seeds grow. Ms. Kline's continued to observe how sunlight affects the temperature of a surface outside. Mrs. Sisson's class began discussing how direction affects how an object moves. We experimented forcing objects different directions and learned that an object will move in the direction the force is moving.

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, as, by

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.
- Thursday, March 28th is our field trip to the Boston Children's Museum. Please return the field trip permission slip and \$13 ASAP.