

Kindergarten Chronicles

April 4, 2019

What a fabulous week in Kindergarten this week! As the weather has gotten warmer, students spent more and more time outside. As a reminder, please make sure with the nicer weather that your child has a pair of sneakers on or to change into, as they are not allowed to use the playground unless they have sneakers on. We want every student to be able to fully enjoy recess with their friends!

This week concluded our non-fiction unit in Reader's Workshop. Students learned that they can read more than one book about the same topic to learn even more. They also practiced comparing those books to see what information was the same or different. Lastly, the students learned about different text features seen in nonfiction books. We finished the unit with students having non-fiction playdates with their partners. It was so fun watching students play "Does Your Book Have"- looking for text features or "This Just In"-sharing facts they learned from their books like a news reporter.

In Writer's Workshop this week students began wrapping up the opinion writing unit. We spent the week practicing writing as many opinion pieces as we could, making sure they were convincing and easy to read. Next week we will be editing and publishing our favorite piece from the unit!

In Foundations, the children continued to work on learning about the following digraphs: **ch**, **sh**, **wh**, **th**, and **ck**. They learned that digraphs are when two letters come together and make only one sound. The children also continued to work on segmenting sounds in words in order to write them, as well as blending sounds together when reading words. The children have enjoyed taking turns writing sentences on the board. We added the words **him** and **her** to the word wall.

This week in math, students began learning about teen numbers. We learned that teen numbers are numbers that have one group of ten and some more ones left over. Students practiced naming teen numbers, writing teen numbers, building teen numbers with cubes, and drawing representations of teen numbers. We will continue practicing all of these skills the next few weeks in math.

In science, the three kindergarten classes switched teachers for this term. Ms. Sisson's class is learning about weather with Ms. Belanger. Ms. Kline's class is learning about plants and animals with Mrs. Sisson. Mrs. Belanger's class is learning about forces and motion with Ms. Kline. This week, Mrs. Kline's students learned what a scientist does and the needs of plants and animals. Mrs. Belanger's class discovered that objects do not start to move until a force is exerted on it by another object. Mrs. Sisson's class learned about the different types of weather: sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy, and snowy.

-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, did, day, has, she, him, her

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.
- Kindergarten Spring Open House is Thursday, April 11 from 5-6. This is a night for your to bring your child with you and he/she can show you all the great things he/she has learned in kindergarten!