



# Devereux School

November 30, 2020

To the D@W community,

Our month of November has been chalk-full of adventure, exploration and fun! Earlier in the month we exercised our right to the democratic process of voting and casted ballots during our mock-election. We celebrated not one, two, three, four but FIVE birthdays this month! Happiest of birthdays to Oliver, Hazel, Amira, Noah and Isabella. To enjoy nearing the end of our unit, we spent a lot of time down by our beloved stream. Here we created landscape drawings with the guidance of Nicole during art, tested our origami "bateaux" during French class with Madame and practiced related French vocabulary. Back in the classroom we tested the buoyancy of various objects, learned about how sailors used the stars to navigate, made astrolabes and read about constellations (or are they asterisms?). Playing with the math language we spent time exercising our skills through games, made connections across ideas and expanded our math vocabulary.

Our adventure with our protagonist Charlotte Doyle came to a satisfying, yet unwelcomed, end and we used our skills to create an evidence-based paragraph, or 'T.E.E.C.' (thesis, explanation, evidence, explanation, conclusion). We plan on applying these skills to write a five paragraph evidence-based essay using our next novel *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

In gathering copious amounts of research on our explorers, we were able to apply this knowledge in crafting a first-person letter on homemade tea-stained paper and used our cursive skills to make it authentic as possible. This writing process inspired us to have our first-ever "Thesaurus Trot" In order to expand our use of synonyms and antonyms. To celebrate all our hard work with our loved ones we hosted our first Poetry Café of the year! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the kids in their presentations and boat testing. Working up a hunger we hit the kitchen to make "Sailor's Duff", or hard tac, to experience what real explorers/sailors had to eat for months on end. Safe to say everyone is happy not to have to ship out to sea during the 17<sup>th</sup> century!

Our D@W journey continues onto our next unit, the American Revolution, and into the holiday season. We continue to keep our spirits bright as we experience our own revolutions and face the future with optimistic eyes. Until next time, keep safe and warm, and be thankful for the luxuries of food options beyond Sailor's Duff and salted fish!

All our best,

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginie