



September 30, 2022

To the families and members of the D@W community,

Ahh, September...the smell of freshly sharpened pencils, new notebooks, and...zucchini bread? Here in at D@W, we spent the first month of school warming up to one another and warming up our brains to get ready for another fun-filled year of learning.

To kick off the academic year, we continued to explore the world around us with Callie Vee. Using the nature journals we kept over the summer, we completed our first in-class project of the year: researching and answering a question that arose from our observations. We all enjoyed laughing alongside Callie so much over the summer that we have begun the sequel, *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate* as our first read-aloud for the year.

While we've been sweeping the fallen leaves off the deck during community contributions, we have also been sweeping off the cobwebs gathered on our brains over the summer, brushing up on the math skills we'll need throughout the rest of the year. Enzo, after overthrowing Maren, is currently our raining champion for Around-the-World, a game to practice our multiplication facts.

This month we have also begun our journey across the Atlantic with Charlotte Doyle, learning what makes nautical miles different and what a knot is – not to be confused with the knots tied in our shoes. Receiving our first LTP assignment for the year, we're excited to use our newly acquired knowledge on boat parts to construct our own sea-worthy ships.

Making our way out to Newhall Farm and Fields for the first time this year, we helped weed and spread compost over the hedgerow that the D@W class started earlier this spring. Farmer CJ sent us back to the classroom with a bunch of kale to make chips – a new classroom favorite after preparing them during Health & Wellness.

In French, we have been conjugating the irregular verbs être and avoir, and the definite and indefinite articles of masculine and feminine nouns. We are also excited to share the French song that we have been working on with Madame for the Fête de Feuilles, next month.

We have also taken full advantage of our access to the vans and ability to FINALLY go on all the field trips; visiting the Devereux campus in Marblehead to celebrate International Day of Peace and to work on the mosaic, going to Dane Street Park at the end of the day, and of course, visiting the farm.

Thank you, everyone, for contributing to the welcome-back lunch, and to Donna, especially, for coordinating the effort! With everything we accomplished this first month, it's hard to believe we have an even busier month planned for October!

With gratitude,  
Veyla, Kasey, and Madame Virginie