



Devereux School

December 31st, 2020

To the D@W community,

December inside the classroom together was short and sweet but was exploding with warm cheer to go around! We kept busy moving right into our American Revolution unit and officially picking up our next novel *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Continuing to sharpen our skills on how to write an evidence-based essay, we commenced the writing of our first five paragraph essay. We studied the French and Indian War and learned about “taxation without representation” through The Stamp Act which led to our first two illustrations of our American Revolution timelines.

Something WORTH spreading- holiday cheer! Which was done quite happily and efficiently in our elegantly decorated classroom by hanging socks on our “fireplace” to fill with *warm and fuzzies*, little notes of encouragement and appreciation. Madame Virginie kept the Devereux tradition of decorating gingerbread houses alive, allowing us to express our individuality and creativity through beautiful sugary designs! The celebrations and cheer continued for Philip’s 11th birthday! Happy birthday Philip!!

In art class we gave back to the community by volunteering to make replications of pet portraits to support the MSPCA of Methuen. We also gave back to our own families by creating homemade gifts of wintery or holiday scenes. In French we exercised our artistic skills by studying Surrealism and creating our own unique and bizarre pieces labeling the images with French vocabulary and giving a short oral presentation on them.

Winding down the days before break we kept things light and cheery, enjoying one another’s company and excitement for the days to come. To expel some of this energy we played a new game in Health & Wellness called “Snowperson Down!”. It was an instant hit and gave a whole new reason as to why toilet paper is, most definitely, essential.

Although our last two days were occupied by snow and taking precautions to allow us to return come the new year, we are joyous to have had four successful in-person months together and look forward to continuing our studies once we are back together!

Wishing you warmth, health, joy and love this holiday season. May we hold onto these moments, as difficult as they are, and remember how fortunate we all are to be part of such an incredible community. Happy New Year to all- here’s to 2021!

Best,

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginie