



Devereux School

September 30, 2021

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

Just as quickly as the autumnal breeze blew in, September has blown past us and found us trading in our shorts for sweaters and flip-flops for rain boots (a must for any D@Wer). We have spent the past few weeks getting to know one another, the classroom routines, and the greater campus around us.

To start our year, we took a moment to think about what in the natural world has made us wonder, looking to our all-school summer read, *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks and Other Astonishments* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil, for inspiration for our first short project of the year. From ruby-throated humming birds to giant horses to man's first wonder – fire – we shared stories and visuals that showed what made our wonders, *wonderful*.

With all this wet, muggy weather, we have also gotten familiar with the many varieties of fungi found along the trails during woods walks. Honing our skills of observation and note-taking, we identified varieties such as chicken-of-the-woods and reishi.

Inside of the classroom, we have begun our first unit, Ancient Civilizations, focusing our studies on the people that lived, played, and worked in the Indus River Valley. To go along with our unit, we have also started working (at home!) on our first LTP: designing and building a city that can reserve enough water to support its peoples. Let's hope the cities are prepared for the annual rainfall!

We are learning not just one language, but two languages in class: French (of course), and, *the language of math*. Working on identifying the parts of division and multiplication sentences, we've been dusting off and tightening up our operational skills to help us as we move forward in our math adventures.

In French, Madame Virginie helped us label the places and things inside of our classroom. In preparation for the Fête des Feuilles, Madame has us practicing our French song and poem – we're excited to share and show off our French for you!

The cherry on top of our final sundae of the season: Our very first field trip! We spent a spectacular fall morning doing all things autumnal: picking apples, playing in pumpkin patches, petting cute animals, and of course, eating apple cider donuts.

As we move into October, we look forward to filling our days with more kickball games, yoga classes, and woods walks!

Veyla, Kasey, & Madame Virginie