

Good afternoon First Grade families,

Happy Veterans' Day!

We had a short but memorable week as we learned about U.S. Veterans and had a special visit from Veteran Air Force Captain Jackie Deppen (Hunter's mom.) Jackie spoke to the children about serving in the armed forces. The 1st graders asked many good questions and made thank you cards which we presented to Jackie after her presentation. A huge thank you to Jackie for informing and inspiring the Devereux students!

At morning meeting in the woods, we began learning **This Land is Your Land** by Woodie Guthrie. We invented some active yoga poses to warm ourselves up as the mornings grow chillier. We noticed changes in the sun's angle with the end of daylight savings time.

We have joined with the 2nd and 3rd Graders during lunchtime recess. Both playgrounds are open to all the children and they can choose where they'd like to play and can move easily between the 2 playgrounds. There have been big games of tag and soccer across all grades so far and the First Graders have enjoyed making some new friends.

I am so looking forward to meeting with all of you on Monday! I will be at Devereux from 9:30 until 2:30 for the meetings. Please feel free to bring your child along and he/she/they can play outside while we meet.

Here are this week's lessons:

ELA: suffix s

- glued sounds all, an, am review
- bonus letter f, s, l review
- sentence capitalization and punctuation review
- dictations

Writing: finalized letters

- wrote about favorite landforms

Math: addition of 3 addends totaling in the teens, with 2 addends forming partners to 10

Reading: reading groups - focused on retelling story

Cultural: began unit on landforms; made booklets, made landforms from modeling clay,
created a mountain range with a river flowing down from the mountains to our ocean of
choice

- learned about Veterans and why we honor them

Science: graphing temperature each morning

- tracking decreasing hours of daylight as autumn progresses, and making predictions
- learned about reason for changes (earth's tilt)

Art: cubist portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso

Here are some photos from the short week:



Wishing you all my best for a wonderful holiday weekend,

Dee