



Devereux School

February 26, 2021

To the D@W community,

After completing our ever-growing American Revolution Timeline, we celebrated the conclusion of our Revolutionary War Unit with our second virtual Poetry Café of the year. Everyone did a fabulous job presenting their finalized Long Term Projects and they were clearly ecstatic to share them with both our virtual Zoom audience and classmates. They continue to astound us with their creativity and strong development of presentation skills!

Continuing to enjoy our campus despite the cold, we have spent time outside exploring the stream, playing in the snow, taking woods walks and even stopping to meditate. As the spring approaches we will continue to keep our eyes open on the ever changing (thawing) scenery and ears open for the feathered friends who will be stopping by during their migration.

In French class Madame has kept us rather occupied! We took “Le Grand Concours” online for the first time ever and it went very smoothly. Madame has given us our first French poem to memorize this year “Pour faire le portrait d’un oiseau” alongside a group project with the focus of planning a vacation to a Francophone country. The kids are very excited about this project and have worked extremely hard together to accomplish the task. Playing with language outside of French, Veyla keeps us on our toes with a daily “fun fact” ridden with errors, which the kids find and correct eagerly. They are all becoming wonderful editors and are applying these skills to their evidence-based essays based on our novel *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson- which left us on a huge cliff hanger! Many of the kids are ready to read the sequel *Forge* on their own and we most definitely encourage it!

During math class we have been working with the relationship between decimals and fractions. To practice our understanding of these new concepts, we have discovered new games to play and enjoying them with our peers. With such a diverse, talented and intelligent class, we have started our very own D@W All School Meeting. Philip kicked off the series by teaching us some Russian history and language. Oliver taught us about the history of basketball and Hazel informed us on what it’s like to have land hermit crabs as pets. Their ability to conduct a class is very satisfying to watch and we look forward to the All School Meetings to come!

For Health & Wellness we roasted cauliflower with cumin and tested our tastebuds! Most of the kids found it scrumptious and even made some at home after! In the gym, we talked about how “gratitude=attitude” and how practicing gratitude can positively affect our daily outlook. In art, we created authentic Revolutionary War pocket portraits before making homemade Valentine cards, worked with pastels to recreate still life portraits and used aluminum foil for springtime etchings.

As we wrap up the winter and look forward to spring, we begin our next unit- the Industrial Revolution! Until next time, stay warm, enjoy your two week break and remember- be kind, be kind, be kind.

Warm regards,

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginia