



# Devereux School

October 30th, 2020

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

October has been jammed packed full of exciting adventures! We kicked off the fall season with a weekend field trip to Newhall Farm and Field in Peabody, Ma. There we planted a peach tree donated by the Hale family and promptly named her 'Priscilla'. After romping around the fields, picking flowers, herbs and checking out the beehives we treated ourselves to apple cider, apple cider donuts and played a round of kick-the-can. Thank you to all who came!

Our art teacher Waring alum Nicole Hupin-Otis officially joined us this month for immersion art class. Using the natural colors around us, Nicole has focused on still life with pastels and watercolor and even taught the kids how to use natural stamp designs using potatoes, apples and squash. For health and wellness we have taken advantage of the gorgeous foliage along the paths of Waring and even had our first yoga class! Before taking our walk we took a moment to settle in, settle down and enjoy a guided meditation. We held this silence as we walked in hopes of seeing some wildlife. We have not seen any animals yet, however the mushrooms and turning leaves continue to blow us away with their exquisite designs.

Our voyage through our Age of Exploration unit continues through our reading of *Charlotte Doyle* by AVI and the study of moon phases and their effects on the tides. We continue learning about the many explorers both in humanities class and through our individual research in class using our devices.

In French we continue our work on learning the conjugations of *avoir*, *être* and *aller* along with vocabulary involving food, clothing, animals, adjectives and, bien sûr, Halloween. With these rainy days having our devices with us has made Zooming with Madame quite interesting!

As a student-lead environment, the suggestion of having an "Après-midi musicale" became a reality when the kids brought in their instruments and we enjoyed watching one another perform. We are so proud of them for sharing their passions, talents, and enthusiasm in such a brave and vulnerable way!

With the rainy days becoming more numerous we are finding ways of staying safe while also staying inside. Both the cold weather and the enthusiastic mini-herbalists are inspiring daily beneficial tea concoctions and games such as chess are happily enjoyed during indoor recess. We got into the Halloween spirit writing spooky stories, decorating the classroom, creating haunting scenes in art, painting pumpkins and even celebrated bat week with a "bat webinar" led by Mona (Amira's mom) via Zoom. Thank you for spending that time with us and answering all of those burning questions Mona! We celebrated Halloween with a good ol' fashioned costume party, treats and a movie- thank you everyone for making this happen!

We remain vigilant in our sanitization and distancing practices as we are enjoying our physical time together immensely and are looking forward to continuing on this trajectory. We thank you all for your due diligence and honesty in continuing to allow this to be a reality.

Happy All Hallow's Eve- stay spooky,

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginie