



Devereux School

March 31st, 2021

To the D@W community,

March came in like a...well, a tame lion, and we accomplished a lot before we set off for our well-deserved break. In Health and Wellness we created “Worry Jars” where we wrote down, or drew, the things that cause us anxiety. After having a small discussion around the “Worry Jars” we went down to the gym where Oliver taught us the basics of playing basketball before leading us in a game. Back in the classroom we had a wonderful treat of Isabella hosting All School Meeting (ASM) from Costa Rica! She showed us around, talked about her experiences and taught us a lot about the geography and culture. Once we returned from March break, Lila hosted an ASM on dance, teaching us part of a routine to the song “BANG!” and Bianca lead an ASM on her favorite place in the world- Brazil! She ended with a sweet treat of delicious *brigadeiros*. It is so incredible to watch these young leaders teach one another in such strong ways. Way to go everyone!

We have officially kicked off our new unit- the Industrial Revolution and have begun reading our accompanying novel *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson. The students are now working on in-class group research projects of different revolutionary inventions. We are very much looking forward to our next Poetry Café, the “Invention Convention,” and having you physically joining us for the first time this year (outside, socially distanced, and masked, of course)!

Diving into science, we started two observation journals- one observing different birds we see around us (both at home and at school) and second- forced cuttings. We enjoyed a walk around campus to see what our plants friends are doing and gathered clippings of Forsythia, Rhododendron, Witch Hazel and Magnolia to put in vases inside the classroom and trick into bloom. The magnolia bloomed within three days! It is so much fun to watch- we definitely suggest you try it at home.

We are so proud of the children and their efforts in completing their parts of the Le Grand Concours. While we eagerly await the results, Madame has introduced (or, reintroduced for some) the French game “Sept Famille” to help them decompress and work on their verbal skills alongside reading time and working with opposites.

To wrap up March we had an in-class “Escape Room” to work on our decimal, fraction, percent equivalents. I am happy to inform you that all the treasure of the deserted island has been found and the children have indeed, escaped. For art we created individual weavings before starting self-portraits using only construction paper. We will continue working on them and display the final products at the Poetry Café for your viewing pleasure.

Moving into April we are meditating on the word *influence*- how we can be positive or negative *influencers* and how we can be positively or negatively *influenced*. Hoping the change of seasons and longer days of sunshine are having a POSITIVE influence on you and yours!

Spring wishes,

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginie