

January 31st, 2022

To the D@W community,

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and are enjoying the snow that joined us this past weekend! Before moving on to January's newsletter, here is a recap of December: We celebrated the end of our Classical Traditions Unit by meeting the Greek gods and goddesses at our Poetry Café! Basking in holiday cheer, we made and decorated gingerbread cookies for those we wanted to show gratitude for! We took a field trip to go ice skating, had our annual gingerbread house decorating competition and had a wonderful sing-a-long on the Devereux Campus with all. Now we are back from break, in full swing and have started our Western Folk Traditions Unit.

Upon our return we celebrated a belated Special "Day" with a waffle breakfast before exchanging "warm and fuzzies" and making dinner bags for My Brother's Table. In the classroom we have been exploring, comparing, and contrasting original Fairy Tales from Charles Perault, Hans Christian Anderson and the Grimms Brothers. Putting our Fairy Tales to the test, we have had two science labs to prove or disprove the reality of these tall tales (yes, you CAN see sound waves and yes, a golden ball would absolutely sink).

Veyla continues to astonish us with her self-created weekly spelling lists with focus on roots and the kids continue to bring challenging vocabulary each Monday morning. For math we are becoming familiar with decimals and the rules around the different operations before we move along to their equals: fractions.

For French we are preparing for the upcoming Le Grand Concours with Madame through games, projects and skits. In Health & Wellness we wrote down our "New Year's Practices" to remind ourselves what we'd like to work on individually before setting out for timed relay races and data collection.

Nicole has kept us engaged with thematic art of Ancient Greek pottery, creative etches, and still life. We have welcomed our new chorus instructor Emily with open arms and are having a blast with her song selections and upbeat energy already!

As we continue to explore Fairy Tales and their common themes we look forward to our next Poetry Café! Until then we will have plenty of fun out in the snow and in the classroom putting on a show (Fairy Tale skits)!

Best.

Kasey, Veyla and Madame Virginie