



Devereux School

September 30th, 2024

To the D@W community,

It has been a wonderful few weeks getting to know one another as we officially say goodbye to summer and welcome in autumn along with the 2024-2025 school year! We spent the first two weeks reflecting on our summer reading of *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly, brushing up on our math literacy and getting to know one another.

We took to the Beverly Commons trail to familiarize ourselves with the area and exercise our curious eyes to add new entries to our science notebooks. We talked a bit about asters and goldenrod, and their importance for our pollinator friends. We observed a caterpillar and popped some jewelweed seed pods. We definitely let the wildlife know we were there by our chorus of acorn-whistles!

For Humanities, Steven has started our Explorers Unit full-steam ahead! He's talked about the evolution of ships, great explorer groups such as the Vikings, and has begun to read our unit novel *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. He's introduced the vocabulary on parts of a ship and has started indulging them in knot tying. In math I have begun to introduce the math language and the vocabulary around it, focusing on understanding and exercising the use of inverse operations to be sure our work is accurate. In French, Madame has introduced foundational vocabulary such as introducing oneself, numbers, letters, colors, seasons, etc and encouraged the children to present their projects around these topics. The kids truly blew us away when they were all willing to present their projects to the class! Wonderful work everyone! They are also working hard on learning the French songs they will be singing at our upcoming Fête des feuilles.

In Health and Wellness, we've gotten to play kickball, dodgeball and capture the flag. We've had a lot of fun in Chorus with Philip who has taught us new songs, dances, movement games and percussion instruments. We look forward to the start of art class next month!

It has been nice to travel to the Marblehead weekly to see our peers and engage in French curriculum with them all together. This month we followed our Devereux tradition by celebrating International Day of Peace with our whole Devereux community. D@W read a book about inner peace to the younger students and presented their French project of the neurodiversity symbol which promotes acceptance, understanding and compassion of all human beings including their learning styles and expression of themselves. A D@W tradition we partook in this month was apple picking at Russell Orchards and picking out our pumpkins for our annual group pumpkin carving contest. Alongside our apples and pumpkins we also picked some Staghorn Sumac berries which we used to make refreshing Sumacade after working up a sweat in Health and Wellness.

Our voyage of the 2024-2025 school year has just begun and we are looking forward to the adventures ahead of us!

Until next time,

Kasey, Steven and Madame Virginie