

Happy New Year, Manatee Families!

Over the holiday break Yola and I played in the gardens ~ the students have reaped a delicious, bountiful harvest of beans, tomatoes, pigeon peas, and more to come.

Thank you for your help, seeds, guidance, and love, Yola!  
All was consumed voraciously by your young manatees ☺

Our new year started out quickly with a fabulous performance of "Matilda." Thank you to all who attended and helped. The feedback was purely positive!

Suzana Awan graciously offered, and coordinated a special guided Lighthouse Field Trip for the class.

I apologize for the late notice, the holiday held the email communications up.

There is PDF permission slip attached, and a paper copy of the field trip permission slip which was sent home this afternoon in our Wednesday Communication Journal.

The trip is scheduled for this Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, so prompt replies are humbly requested.

If you would like to chaperone, please let me know.

Here is a list of important links. We appreciate any & all types of donations, and please remember to log your hours ~

Sign-up for Weekly Laundry Service Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EA4A92DAAFD0-manatee2>

This task seems to work best when the adult who comes to pick-up the student comes to collect the laundry from the classroom ~ they are large, heavy bags.

Sign-up for Weekly Snack Contributions:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EA4A92DAAFD0-manatee3>

It is a Montessori tradition to keep fresh cut flowers in the classroom, we ask that a bouquet is sent with the weekly snack contribution.

When shopping, please remember we need enough to feed 17 people for 5 days.

A small amount of items to go into a mini-refrigerator are fine, i.e. a container of hummus, fresh fruits & vegetables, etc.

We please ask that the majority of the snack items do not require refrigeration.

Ask your children what healthy snacks they would like to share with their friends ~ they truly take ownership of the weekly bounty.

'EPIC' Reading Link:

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

Class Code: vps 2311

This is a large digital reading library which your children may also access at home using this class code provided above.

Here is the long link to our Manatee Amazon Wish List:

[https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2F%2F35C1E9Z2LDNA1%3Fref%3Dcm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_bqyOi+zziqraQ&amp;data=04?](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fhz%2Fwishlist%2F%2F35C1E9Z2LDNA1%3Fref%3Dcm_sw_em_r_un_un_bqyOi+zziqraQ&amp;data=04?)

We don't get to see who has realized our wishes ~ would you please let us know if you have purchased any of the items? We would love to give proper thanks.

I have attached photos of our new, incredibly beautiful 75 gallon classroom aquarium.

We would not have been able to create this spacious environment for our fish friends without your help, with a special thanks to the Ketcham family for their generous contributions.

The entire class is mesmerized by our riverbed fish tank.

Some of the students have expressed interest in purchasing fish for the new aquatic environment.

This would be welcome, but we have a unique fish population.

I have told your children if you would like to meet me at a scheduled time at the Pet Supermarket, I would be willing to show you the fish that would work with our current finnedfriends.

I am also going to special request more glass catfish at the store to add to our ghostly school.

Thank you again to all ~

Wishing you Peace, Love, and Happiness,

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