

Greetings Sea Turtle Families!

We continue to grow and learn every single day...

## **Classroom Highlights**

Early this week, we celebrated the wondrous life of Maria Montessori's 151st birthday. We read a story of her life and talked about her perseverance - not giving up - and her grand accomplishments - an alternative educational style!

We also enjoyed learning about the history of the Universe in our *First Great Lesson*. We watched a short youtube video called, *The History of the Universe in 10 minutes*. You are welcome to watch it with your child, and I invite you to extend the conversation about what they learned. Ask what their thoughts are? What was their favorite part? In the class lesson, which experiment did they enjoy the most?

I shared some Language origin stories and our young friends have engaged in some deep discussions about what came first: people or language (words, sounds)? We also discussed the way people in ancient times communicated in written form and we created our own pictographs! \*Check the images in our photo album.

From pictographs, we ended our week studying the Life Cycle of Sea Turtles. I was impressed at all the facts I learned from our young friends as well! The same clay that we carved our pictographs, we used to sculpt Sea Turtles. Some friends even used their clay to represent the entire life cycle! We then went outside and created a gigantic Sea Turtle Life Cycle using colorful chalk. We all had a wonderful time. \*Photos in the album.

## **Peace Day Parade!**

Mark your calendars for *September 21st*. We will be celebrating International Peace Day by joining our sister school, The Children's Montessori School, on a Peace Parade. We will be walking to Bayview Park at some point in the morning (the time is yet to be determined). Coming home with your child, in the *Communication Folder*, is a Peace Day T-shirt Order Form. If you would like a t-shirt, please send your money and completed form in a sealed envelope on Tuesday, September 7th.

## **Star Testing**

Next week, your child will be assigned a Chrome Book to be used in school. We will have a diagnostic assessment called STAR where the children will demonstrate what Reading and Math skills they know.