

Sunday Sea Turtle Times: Holiday Edition!

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Happy Sunday Adult Sea Turtles!

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for participating in the *Fall Feast* event this year. All of your food contributions were delicious and it was wonderful to have everyone come together, even those of you who were not able to make it, your presence was there in spirit!

We have all been so busy in the past couple of weeks and some fun highlights of what we have been learning about include:

Culture:

Native American culture - origins of maize

Hanukkah - thank you to Rabbi Zucker for coming in once again to present to the children!

Practical Life: Sorting flowers, Manners, Movement, Community Building Games

Botany: Parts of a Pineapple, making a fruit fly trap!

Cosmic: Constructing Atoms / Parts of an Atom

Walks Around the Sun: Last week we celebrated Rivka, and tomorrow we will celebrate Tj's birthday. Happy Birthday!

Our field trip to the Studios of Key West was yet another wonderful time. The kids were captivated by this month's theme of *Piece by Piece* and explored the way you can mix different materials to make mixed media collages. Check out the photos I've shared of your child getting creative in their art making!

We recently began an in-school online reading program called Epic which the kids really appear to enjoy. As always, I continue to encourage at least 20-30minutes of daily/nightly reading with your child and don't forget to use your library cards!

Up Ahead

This week during morning work cycle, the focus will be on practicing with materials and reviewing lessons; I will not be introducing any new concepts until we return from our Holiday break.

After a few great conversations about the different ways holidays are celebrated in our own homes and around the world, our young friends brainstormed ideas of how we could celebrate the holiday season in our own classroom:

- Christmas Tree decorating
- Craft-making for gifts
- Spending time with family
- Eating treats
- Opening gifts

To combine such great ideas, the Sea Turtle Classroom invites you to our first holiday event themed, the **Crafts & Goodies WorkCycleShop!** to be held on **Thursday, December 16th: Work-cycle Shop opens between 10:00am - 11:30am**. You are welcome to stop by and join your child in making a variety of small fun crafts for holiday gifts and sharing a snack/treat as a classroom family.

On **Friday, Dec. 17th** we will end our year with a **Wear-Your-Pajama-for-the-1/2-Day-of-School Day!** Your child is welcome to wear their favorite Pj's for the half day and are also allowed to bring 1 small stuffed animal and a small cozy blanket. May I add that it is also a **Pizza Friday!** 🍕 Thank you for turning in your pizza money in your child's clear envelope by Wednesday.

Important To-Do's

1. Please take the time to complete the Impact Aid Form that can be found in the FOCUS Parent Portal. I have provided the link to our most recent school newsletter which gives you detailed information about it: <https://maysandsmontessori.com/school-newsletter/>
2. I kindly ask that you turn in the field trip permission slip for your child to see the musical, *Matilda* no later than December 16th. Additional tickets can be purchased through the school.

I have added some more photos to the Sea Turtle Class album for you to enjoy!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gp3JY1YK3WGZmtLe9>

As a last note, please reach out to me anytime if you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns...

Thank you all very much!

Have an enjoyable rest of your evening!

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"Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future."

~Maria Montessori