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Subject: Sunday Sea Turtle Times!

Happy Sunday Families!

Firstly, I wanted to thank all of you for attending your conferences with me. It was nice to reconnect and talk about your child in real time. Please remember that I can always make myself available to meet if any questions ever come up.

BiWeekly Highlights:

- We briefly talked about the history of Valentine's Day, but much more enjoyable - for the kids! - was honoring each other's *friendship* - *Dia de la Amistad*- and creating fabulous *friendship bracelets*.
- Our field trip to STKW was a really cool experience. The kids met artist, Tyler Buckheim Trosset, who created all of her pieces using graphite pencil to sketch portraits of long-ago Key West locals and rubbing random textured materials with color pencil to each of the backgrounds. The kids had the opportunity to try out this technique on the rooftop using letters, leaves, and numbers to rub as the background. They came up with some amazing art pieces and I hope that you were able to see and enjoy them! (Photos uploaded in the Sea Turtle Photo Album.)
- We celebrated Jacob's 8th Walk Around the Sun & just this past Friday, Christopher's 7th Walk Around the Sun! Cheers to both!
- *Though the circumstances were not exactly favorable, I would love to applaud the drumming and singing that your children performed last Tuesday.

GeoBee

Last Friday, I quizzed your children on their planetary knowledge and it was no surprise that they exceeded my expectations! All the kids received a Planetary Map handout and each grade level had to demonstrate their understanding of each planet's position to the Sun. The first years pointed to the planets on the map and I helped to spell them out. The second and third years worked independently on identifying the planets in order, their spelling, and writing out some facts (3rd years-only).

*Thank you to those of you who sent in your child's pledges. I sent them back on Friday in the Communication Folder. I kindly ask that you return the pledge form along with any cash/checks to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for making this fundraiser a grand success!

Jumping Ahead

To my third-year parents - I will be starting to prepare your child for the Florida Standards Assessments coming up in April and May. As a group, we will review both the Reading (ELA) and

the Mathematics Practice Tests starting this week. My hope is to have our little leaders know what to expect, learn the skills necessary for test-taking, and more importantly, feel ready and confident for successful results. Look out for more emails from me about your role and how to support your child during testing season.

Dates to Note

- March 18 - Early Release Day
- March 21-25 - Spring Break

Reminder on Repeat

As always, we welcome parent helpers and your participation is very important to the success of the classroom community.

The following list covers areas that are very much in need of parental TLC:)

- 1 bag ReptiBark from Pet Supermarket or 2 for much cheaper on Amazon (**needed once a month**)

-*beautiful indoor potted plants*

-20 minute read aloud (**once per week**)

-15min gardening/harvesting (**once per week**)

-**Teach a Practical Life lesson (Sewing, Cooking, Crafting, etc.)**

-Reorganizing the 'Middle Space' area of art supplies

*Show support to the Sea Turtle Amazon Wish

List: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/0lGtH6J?ref_=wl_share

Introducing...

*Parent Angie Benson (Jacob's mom), has volunteered to help out with communicating/sharing information on any upcoming Sea Turtle events with all families. Thank you Angie!

Please look out for her email: ang_benson@comcast.net

*Parent Eugenia Schuhmacher (Tj's mom) is also volunteering to come in and undertake a class project which consists of creating an outdoor learning environment for our Sea Turtles to enjoy.

Thank you Eugenia!

****If you have any fun and creative ideas on how you can help to contribute to your child's class, please reach out!**

Kick back and relax for the rest of your Sunday!

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**"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."
~Dr. Mae Jemison**