

Sea Turtle Familias!

Quite amazing how the weekend greets us so fast, right?!

Last night, I was able to enjoy Family Movie Night and watched *Luca* under a lovely moon-lit sky - it was so nice to see many of you! Well, our young hatchlings continue to show great progress and they are becoming much more settled in their routines. Early in the week, we did a practical life lesson specifically on how to arrange flowers. Everyone worked with a partner and together, took turns on cutting stems, filling the vase with water, adding plant food, choosing bright colorful flowers to arrange, and then collaborating on where to place them around the classroom environment - making the space look beautiful and inviting.

One very important feature in our week was the use of our new **work plan**. This will be a wonderful way to help track weekly productivity, responsibility, and organization, and keep open lines of communication from the classroom to your home. Each Friday, the work plan will go home in the Communication Folder, and you will get a chance to discuss with your child what it is that they worked on or learned about in their week, then sign off on the bottom right and return it to school with them on Monday. Notice that the work plan is organized by day of the week and subject area; your child will be recording what materials were worked on and what lessons they received. The most important boxes that should be filled out day-to-day are Language Arts, Mathematics, and Reading, all the others will be filled out intermittently or will be dependent upon specific themes as we go. If you have any further questions, please email me privately.

Spell O' Mania practice went very well. A few friends were a bit unsure of what to expect but when I sat with them and guided them to create their very own spelling list, come Friday morning work cycle, all were scrambling to sign up first on the white board! Check in with your little one and ask them how they felt they did. Let's continue to work together by discussing the importance of spelling practice.

***"The beginning is the most important part of the work."***

***~Plato***

## **Special Events!**

A warm and friendly reminder to join us in celebrating International Day of Peace this week **Tuesday, September 21st at 9:00am** on a Montessori Peace Day March. Joined by our friends from The Montessori Children's School, we will walk to Bayview Park and exchange intentions of Peace. We will return back to campus around 10:00am.

That same evening, please PIN our first **Parent Information Night** on your calendars for **Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00pm!** This will be an online gathering for us to meet again and have an informal chat about some important Montessori practices. We will be having more Parent Info Nights throughout the year; if you are not able to make it this time, please let me know! I will be sending a Google Meet link via email the day of our meeting.

Have a fabulous rest of your weekend!

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