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Subject: The Sea Turtle Weekly Gazette!

Hello Sea Turtle Families!

We have had a wonderful start to the school year!

During the past week, I have given the class very few lessons from the Math and Language shelves and allowed them to explore the materials that they have had previous experience with on their own - it amazes me how curious they are and what they are able to recall from last year! Many of our third years have even began teaching basic lessons to some of our younger friends! We continue to build our community by getting back into the rhythm of daily routines as well as practicing grace and courtesy, and practical life skills in our classroom (i.e. greeting one another in the morning; lining up; proper restroom use; consistent hand-washing; good manners and respecting each other).

There have been lots of craft-making. All children were hard at work using their weaving skills to create Sea Turtles made of popsicle sticks and yarn (photos below). These cute little Sea Turtles will come home today after school.

Yesterday, we began a Time Capsule activity. Students worked together with partners using Math skills to measure each other's height with yarn. They also traced their hands and some went as far as tracing their "feet" (shoes on). My plan is to keep their Time Capsules intact until the end of the year, when I can bring them back out as a surprise and they can enjoy looking back at how much they have grown.

Important Announcements

All-School Community Meeting

Our first parent/guardian meeting of the school year will take place next Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. Each enrolled student should be represented by at least one parent/guardian during this informative meeting.

Considering the recent spike in [positive COVID cases locally](#), the meeting will take place on Google

Meet: <https://meet.google.com/qvw-zbmp-tqb?authuser=0>

Classroom Pet!

This year our class was approved to host a classroom pet: a Bearded Dragon! In 2-3 weeks, I hope to receive coupons from the Pet Supermarket, and I will be choosing our Bearded Dragon. The children were very excited when they heard the news and once in the classroom, they will get a chance to give it a name. If you are interested in hosting our class pet during long weekends or school breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring and/or Summer Breaks) please email me privately! I will have everything that you may need on how to care for and feed our special friend.

Snack Sign-Up

Each family will be providing snack for the entire class for the whole week. These count as 2 service hours. I will be sending a schedule out next week for when your assigned snack week will take place. More to come on what that will include.

School Supplies

For each student, we are asking for \$40 to cover all over their school supplies. You can pay online here: <https://maysandsmontessori.com/student-supplies/> or send in a check with your child's name in the memo section made out to May Sands Montessori School.

Spirit Shirts

Our School Spirit Shirts are available in a wide range of colors, sizes, and styles! Check out the merchandise, complete with an online payment option on our website: <https://maysandsmontessori.com/spirit-shirts/>.

If you have any additional questions, please email me.

[Photos of our class!](#) More will be added throughout the year.

Have a fantastic weekend!

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