

Charlottesville Day School

Dates to
Remember

May 21

School Play, *RATS!*
Whole School Art Show
Fry Springs Beach Club
5:00-7:00 PM

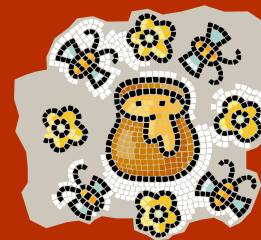
May 26

No School

June 4

Last Day of School
Step Up Ceremony
10 AM

The Honey Pot!



May 2008

Dear Parents,

We are off to a “swimming start” with our ocean theme. We began the unit by defining the word habitat and discussing the ocean as a habitat. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in our fish store. The first thing we did for this center was to brainstorm what we need for our store. You can see all of the items the children came up with in front of the store. We made fish food for our store, “bought” tropical fish, bagged them with “water” and sent them to their new home. The kids have loved bringing in their own ocean items and sharing them with their friends.

Each child made his/her own fish bowl using a variety of materials. First, each child traced the shape of a fish bowl. Next, he/she sponge painted orange coral/rock. Then they tore or cut out the rock and glued it to their bowl. One morning we painted coffee filters with water colors and eye droppers. Once they were dried we cut them out in ocean creature shapes and the children glued them into their bowl. Some children also cut out fish from construction paper for their tank. Our next project for this unit was ocean creatures created with bubble wrap. The children loved painting the bubble wrap. Look for these creatures hanging in our room.

We have been studying the letters o, f, and g. Please try to reinforce these letters at home with your children by just pointing them out in the environment. The children have also loved our mus- sel and oyster balance center, where they count creatures and match them with the correct number. We have also been playing a game that involves the children sequencing numbers 9-21. In this game, each child is given a card with a number, number word, and that amount of fish on it. We ask the children to count the fish and read the number on the card. After everyone has done that we have the children stand up and sequence the numbers.

Earth Day was huge success. The children loved all the fun outdoor activities! Thank you to all the parents that brought in items and volunteered their time!

Reminders

- Field Trip to Misty Mountain on Friday, May 2nd.
- If you would like a specific fabric for our Mother’s Day project please send it in.
- Please look in Sunday’s paper and send in any Michael’s 40% off coupon. For the project we are going to need many items from Michael’s.
- Please apply sunscreen to your child before school.