

Monday, February 23, 2026

Dear Parents,

This week will begin a major unit on the ocean. Focus this week will be on the beach. Our week will be titled "Walking on the Beach." The children will discover that sand is made from rock and shell that has been washed by water and wind causing it to erode into small particle. We will also have fun with a variety of shells and learn that they are home to many sea creatures. In addition, we will learn about sea stars. They are not fish but are echinoderms. Sea stars come in many different colors and can have 5 or more arms. Their arms are covered with suction cups which helps the sea star crawl over rocks and also to catch food. If a sea star loses an arm it will grow another. Sea stars also have no brain or blood and can only live in salt water. Vocabulary consists of: salt water, erosion, sea star, echinoderm, and suction cups.

Work with letter Vv will continue as the children print V and v and explore the objects in the Vv tub. The letter Aa will be introduced as the children learn that Aa makes two sounds. In conjunction with letter Aa we will be working with the "at" word family: bat, cat, fat, hat, mat, sat, vat, and splat.

Rhyme Time continues with a variety of rhyming game and activities.

The numeral 12 will be introduced as the children count a variety of shells and sea stars. The pyramid shape will be introduced and all shape names will be reviewed. The children will be building pyramids with a variety of cups. We will continue with counting to 60 and simple addition. The children will also be using a balance scale to compare weight of shells.

Phonemic Awareness continues as a feature of our curriculum and color words as sight words also continue



**The Book We Read - Reminder-** Please help your child pick out a book to read. Then help them to complete the attached "The Book We Read" worksheet and return it sometime throughout the week to share with the class.

Special Days of the Week:

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** - Each child is to bring in one shell if possible.

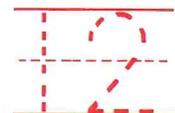
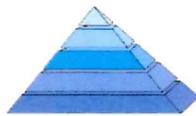
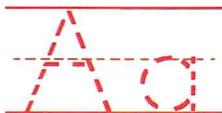
**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Each child is to bring in 2 numbers that when added together equal 12.

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** - Each child is to bring in one picture of a sea star.

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** - Show-and-Tell.

Thanks a bunch for your awesome support and cooperation!

Mary Jane and Barb



HISTORY



# The Book We Read



The name of my book is: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_