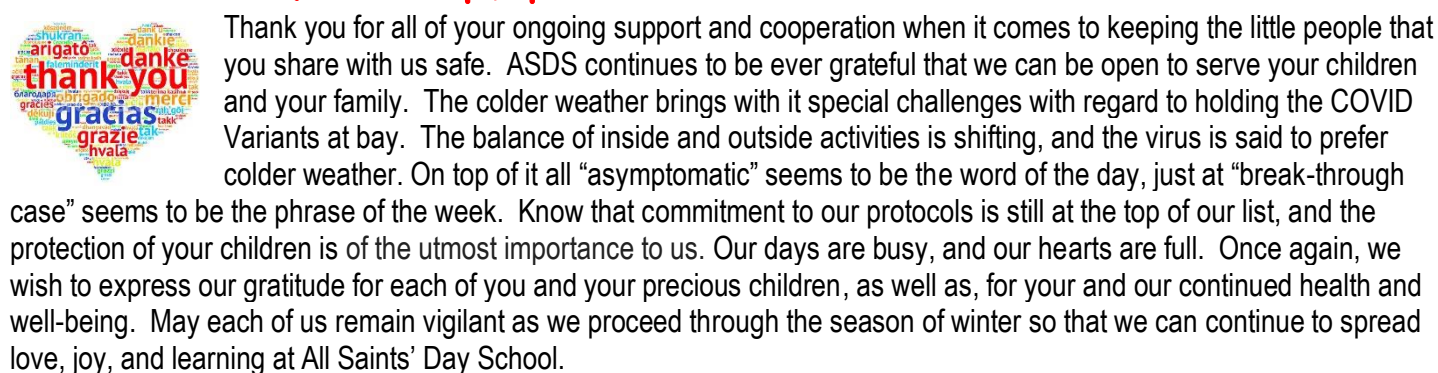


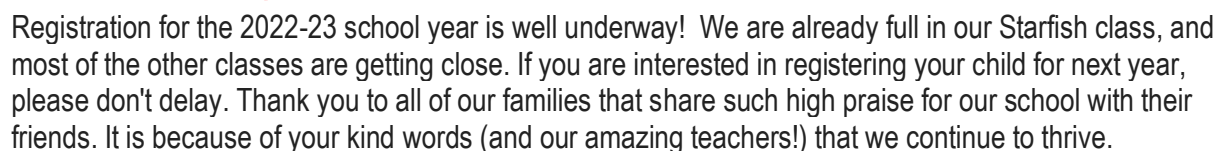


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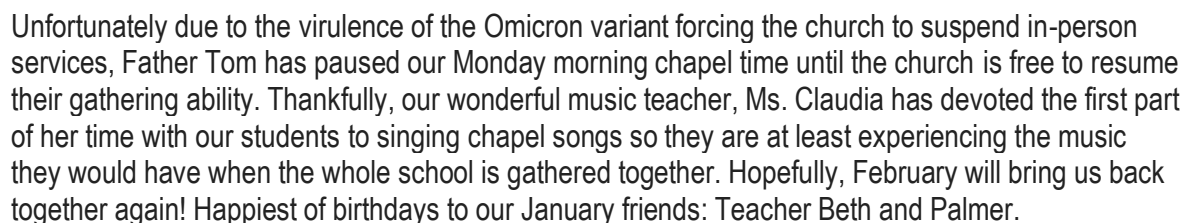
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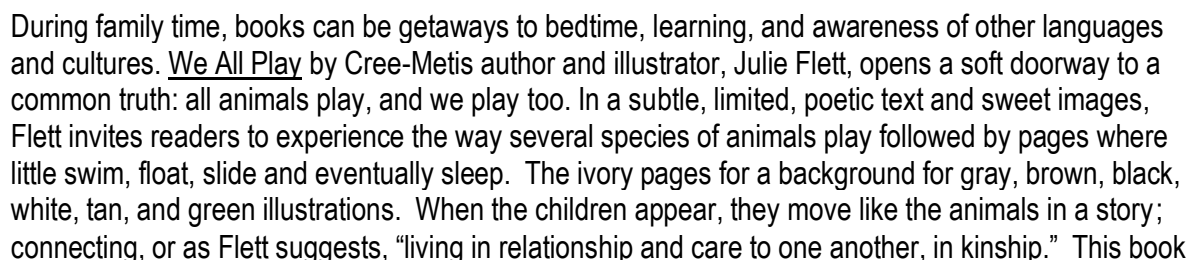
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We All Play! (ref.: BEACON, December 3, 2021)



is meant to be read gently and in earnest and children settle for a nap or bedtime. A lovely picture book, We All Play allows us to show respect and care for Native wisdom in a very simple style.

The Cree are a North American Indigenous people. They live primarily in Canada, where they form one of that country's largest First Nations. In Canada, over 350,000 people are Cree or have Cree ancestry. Ref.: Wikipedia

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Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leslie

This month the Sea Otters learned about the Solar System, Weather, and Health and Nutrition. We had lots of fun making crafts, learning letters and numbers, singing songs and playing. We learned about galaxies, planets and stars for our Solar System unit. The snow came at the perfect time as we studied weather that week, so we spent lots of time talking about how snow forms and even painting on it. For Health and Nutrition, we learned about the food groups and the importance of keeping our bodies healthy by exercising and drinking lots of water. We continue to enjoy each other's company and are happy to see each other every day!



Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

January went by so fast! The Stingrays have been busy working on the letters Nn, Ww, Jj and Ss. We painted with cooked linguini noodles it was super fun. We also ate, not the ones we painted with, some noodles. For Ww, we ate waffles with lots of syrup. They were yummy. Jj was all about making jelly fish and we made Jell-O vanilla pudding. We ended the month with the letter Ss. We made Snowmen with our names and had fun with Skittles.



Our sight words are "jump" and "see". We are counting up to 85 and are continuing to work on recognizing numerals. We also painted real snow with water colors.

The Stingrays are learning about football. We discussed all about the field, teams, and the quarterbacks who are playing in the NFL Conference Championships. Then we predicted the winners. February is going to be a great month with The Olympics, Super Bowl LVI, and Valentine's Day.





Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

Starfish students came back from Christmas break eager to get started with the new-year. This month our themes were Winter, Snow and Ice, Arctic Animals, and Penguins.

Our first week back we discussed our new season, winter. We read, The Jacket I Wear in the Snow, and discussed what type of clothing we wear during the winter season. We also talked about how our outside environment changes. We observed trees with no leaves on them and felt the colder temperatures outside. We played a game where the students had to sort clothes you would wear in the winter and those you would wear in the summer.

The second week of the month we learned about snow and ice. We read, Sneezy the Snowman, and made melting snowmen out of puffy paint made from shaving cream and glue. The students made icicles using the letter I, glue, and glitter. Ice cube play was a hit as the children played with penguins and arctic animals in a tray filled with ice cubes. We discussed how water is a liquid and becomes ice when it is placed in a cold environment. We were lucky the nighttime temperatures fell below freezing this week, so we set out a bowl of water and checked it the next day, and it had become ice. We made a sensory bin of snow for the children to play in using shaving cream and baking soda. We were excited to wake up to snow one Saturday morning, so the Starfish students made their own Sneezy the Snowman with their families.



Arctic animals took over the classroom the third week of the month. The students learned where the Arctic is located on a globe and how cold it is in the Arctic Circle. They learned about the following Arctic animals: a walrus, snowy owl, beluga whale, narwhals, polar bears, caribou, arctic foxes, harp seals, and orca whales.

The last week of January, the Starfish students learned about different penguins. They learned about the Gentoo, Galapagos, Macaroni, Little Blue, Chinstrap, Rockhopper, King, Emperor, and a few more. We saw how they swam in the water, and the speed at which they needed to push themselves out of the water onto land successfully. We danced to, "The Penguin Dance." We created a process art project that ended in a canvas looking like ice with a penguin on it.

January was a month packed with learning and fun. We also introduced the letters O, W, I, and N. Numbers 9 and 10 and the star shape this month were introduced as well. We can't wait to see what happens in February.



Ms. Karen & Ms. Patsy

January brought lots of snowy fun to the Sea Turtles class. Much of the month was devoted to working on various snow themed artwork that will be featured in our annual Art Show later this year. Counting to five, reviewing primary colors, and being kind were the big areas of focus. It's so exciting to see the growth our students experience over the holidays. It's wonderful to hear all the language they are now able to use. It's also exciting to notice the growth of independent skills like getting their coats, putting items in their cubbies, and putting toys away. They are all happening. We look forward to February and all the fun Valentine's Day will bring!



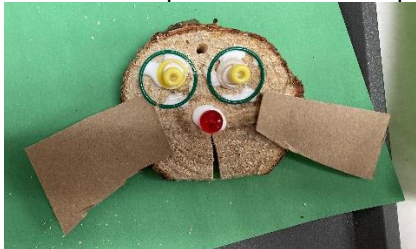
Ms. Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

All children are innately curious about the natural world, and what we do in the studio relies on and reflects this curiosity. Coming back to school in January brought a lively discussion by our Sea Otters about birds in winter. This led to the inspiration to create bird feeders to hang outside the studio window.



We learned about birds by listening to the sounds of different birds, imitating bird sounds, explored a 'bird call' and learned songs and fingerplays about birds. We also sharpened our observational skills by watching the birds and squirrels enjoy our creations.

The Sea Otters class created owls from Christmas Tree stump rounds and loose parts:



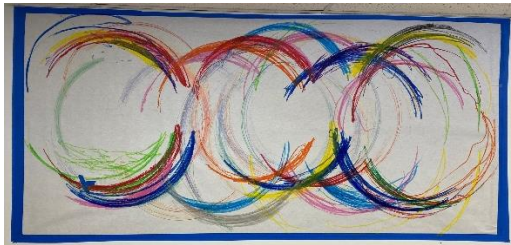
To make a bird from clay (dough) created a challenge; making a nest with eggs, not so much:



We created circles, lots of circles, also concentric circles:



And then it snowed! The falling of snow is such a magical event creating a white carpet on the ground. We brought that magic inside and created snow angels with tempera sticks, turning children into human spirographs:



Each tiny snowflake is a star shaped pearl, such a thing of wonder:



The studio is designed to engage children in highly intentional ways where art becomes a lively, joyful and playful process. Thank you so much for sharing your wonder filled children with us, it gives me much joy to see them learn and grow.

Maestra Mercedes

Hola and Feliz 2022!!! “Enero” is already flying by! This first month was full of excitement and activities in your children’s Spanish class! Three of the classes have started to work on their numbers. The Starfish and Stingray classes have started their “Libro de los Números,” or Number Book. The Sea Turtles color a different number worksheet every Friday. Each group has a different number book according to its skill level, and the children are going to continue to work on them for several weeks. The Sea Turtles’ class is still the quietest of the school. I’m sure they still haven’t figured out why I speak a different language. Some of them do interact with me and help me count or sing every week. The Starfish class is blooming, and more and more kids are fluent in the concepts that we repeat every week. So far, they are doing a fantastic job on their number books! Difficulty grows every week, but I’m sure you will be impressed with your child’s job once you see it! These three groups enjoy our number video and farm animals’ video! The fruit video is also very popular!



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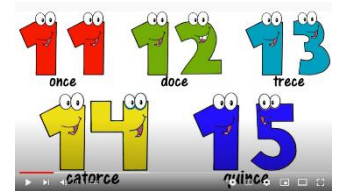
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The Sea Otters continue to excel in their Spanish abilities! They have started working on their Días de la Semana lesson, or Days of the Week. We are building a wheel that they will be able to rotate

every morning so they can practice the name of each day in Spanish! They are doing an amazing job! They are also really good at all the dancing and singing that we do! They know their numbers really well and they are fluent in singing our crazy number video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA> It’s very repetitive, but it works really well for them! We started watching the Days of the Week video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7mm8MC1MgY>, and we will move towards a more difficult one once we introduce the months of the year. As you can see, we’ve been busy! Until next time, stary warm! Adios!!



Coach Jess of Kid Fit

Happy New Year!!!!

It’s been awfully cold this month! We’ve been trying our best to get outside but sometimes the weather has other plans and we make the most of it!

We’ve been playing all types of fun winter games. We’ve gone ice-skating, had snow ball flights, played freeze tag, and picked up snowflakes! We practiced our throwing and catching with some homemade bean bags.

Next month, we will be introducing some yoga and celebrating Valentine’s Day!





I love spending time with your kiddos every Tuesday morning!

In Health, Coach Jess





For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
Tuesday, February 1 st		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to STUDENTS.
Monday, February 14 th		Valentine's Day	A FUN Day for All!
Monday, February 21 st		Presidents' Day	ASDS is CLOSED.
Monday, March 14 th		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to STUDENTS

