



All Saints' Day School

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As we wrap up the craziest school year on record, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of our preschool and its amazing staff. From your financial gifts, kind words of support, and the flexibility of our staff to go from classroom teachers to Zoom experts overnight, we have all proven once again why ASDS is such a special place. As we continue to navigate through these unfamiliar times, I know that whatever happens in the future we will figure out a plan that works to meet the needs of our students. I will keep you posted on any developments as they emerge throughout the summer.

It saddens me that we haven't been able to say a proper goodbye to our friends that are moving on from ASDS. I wish each one every bit of happiness and good luck in their new adventures. Please stay in touch!

Director Dianne

Happy Summer Birthdays!

Yet again, we must wish you a Happy Birthday from afar!

May your family find ways to make your special day a wonderful memory for you! Happy

June: Reese, Jade, Victoria, Katie, Josephine, Eileen, Jackson

July: Walter, Olive, Waylon, Declan

August: Easton, Paige, Blakely, Mollie, William, Riley, T. Dianne, T. Sandra, T. Jo Jo

May In Our Home Classrooms

Ms. Cathy & Ms Elaine

Our All Saints' school year has come to an end. It certainly did not end the way any of us would have anticipated. However, I'm very proud of all the children in the Dolphin class. They all worked so hard this year and have come such a long way despite the obstacles placed in front of them.

Over the past month the kindergartens made X shaped pretzels via zoom. We also revisited one of our favorite recipes from earlier in the year and made ice cream.

May was also about celebrating Mom. The children were able to make a picture frame with puzzle pieces, titled I LOVE YOU TO PIECES. Fortunately, the gifts were able to make it home to all the moms in time for Mothers' Day.

I'm so grateful I was able to go by and leave a little good-bye at the door of all the kids. I really miss seeing their smiling

faces every morning. Thank you, once again, for sharing your little ones with me. I wish everyone a happy and especially healthy summer.



All About My Mom:
 My mom's name is Annie.
 She is 32 years old.
 My mom lives in VO Beach.
 She has blonde hair
 and blue eyes.
 My mom looks the best when she wears
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My Mother:
 My mom really likes to shop
 She sometimes forgets to do the
laundry
 My mom laughs when we say
joke

My Mother:
 My mom makes the best pudding
cake
 I love when my mom brings
me to fun places
 My mom and I like to walk
mom and me time.



Ms. Marianne & Ms. Teresa

The Sea Otters did an out-of-this-world amazing job this month! Literally! They have been learning about outer space during the month of May.

During the first week of May, the Sea Otters turned in to astronauts and learned about how astronauts live in outer space. To encourage learning through play our class made astronaut helmets, rocket packs, and cardboard rocket ships. We even wore our helmets during our Zoom meetings and discussed some of our findings on our explorations in space. Each day the Sea Otters were sent an outer space clip from SciShow Kids to learn about a new space concept. Some of these concepts included the International Space Station, rockets, asteroids and comets. We closed the week by making rockets. Some of our friends even got to share their rockets during our Zoom meeting.

The second week in May was dedicated to learning about stars, constellations and the sun. We had fun making constellations with marshmallows and toothpicks. Students shared their own unique constellations they had made and

reproductions of the constellations in outer space. We also learned about the moon and the different phases of the moon. Our friends had fun making their own moon phases using oreos. And, finally, the students learned about the sun and how we can use the sun to tell time with sun dials.

The last week of May was all about the planets and aliens. Yes, Aliens! We learned through a SciShow Kids clip that a living thing needs oxygen, water and food to survive. While earth is the only planet that we know of to have those three things we need to survive, we also know that there is a ton in space that has yet to be discovered and explored. The Sea Otters were challenged to create their own aliens. Then, we shared them in our Zoom meeting. During share each friend told us what their alien's name was and what planet it came from. Our friends have produced some AMAZING projects during this time. I have really enjoyed seeing their creativity shine.

Teacher Teresa and I are so proud of our fantastic class. They have been a joy to teach and have been greatly missed during these past few weeks. We love you so much and are celebrating all that you have accomplished from afar.



Ms. Susan, Ms. Brooke, & Ms. Devin

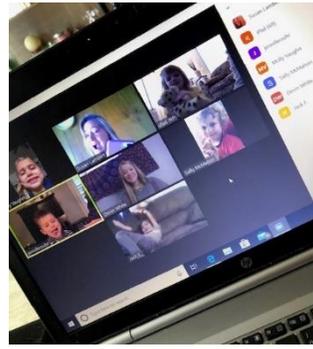
Hey Stingrays! Thank you all so much for all the wonderful gifts and beautiful parade! It meant the world to me! I loved seeing all of you!! It truly was a special moment for me!

We have been working on fun activities for Spring like planting seeds and learning how a seed grows into a flower or a vegetable. I hope all the moms had a great Mother's Day! We learned all about the letter Zz and reviewed all letters of the alphabet. Please continue working on recognition of letters, letter sounds, and sight words.

Also, continue working on counting and simple addition and subtraction. I hope you are making the best out of the PE Activities that I have sent.

Our Zoom Meetings were really fun. I loved seeing all the projects the kids completed, and I especially loved seeing the kids. I miss them so much!

Thanks for all your support this crazy year! I hope to see ya'll soon; whenever we can go back into the world! Have a wonderful summer! XOXO



Ms. Sandra & Ms. Beth & Ms. Terry

Starfish students continued with their online education through Zoom meetings this month. We started the month learning about farms since local produce will become more abundant over the next month. Students were asked to bring something found on a farm and share it with our Zoom class. Since we just finished our Ocean unit the last week of April, we did an animal sort; distinguishing which animals live in the ocean and which animals live on a farm. I gave the students clues about farm animals and they had to tell what animal I was describing when we played our farm animal riddle game. We also talked about what would grow on a farm and what would not. They all knew lollipops and PB&J sandwiches do not grow on a farm. Our "Sneaky Pig Hide and Seek" game was a huge success! Sneaky Pig hid behind barns that were numbered and were different colors. The students had to guess where Sneaky Pig was hiding by giving me a number or color of a barn to reveal if Sneaky Pig was hiding there.

The second week of May we talked about having picnics. We thought this was a good transition from our farm unit. The students brought things you would find at a picnic. Frisbees, footballs, food, plates and many other items were shared. Sometimes you find ants at your picnic, so we played a color matching game where the students had to help me match the correct ant to the matching picnic basket. We also practiced our patterns by playing a sequencing game using AB, AAB, and ABC patterns. We used ants, watermelons, and picnic baskets. Squirrels are everywhere in a park, so we played "Little Squirrel Hide and Seek". The students had to tell me which squirrel had hidden the acorn behind them by telling me a number. I brought a picnic basket that was filled with items and the children had to tell me what was in by basket based on clues I gave them.

Our last week of Zoom, we talked about Summer Safety. We discussed how to be safe at the beach, when you are out in the sun, and overall summer safety rules to remain healthy and safe throughout the summer.

Teachers Beth, Terry and I were both amazed to receive such nice gifts and recognition during Teacher Appreciation Week. There were many surprises that showed up on our front porches throughout the week. A huge thank you goes out to all that help coordinate the week and to each of you for your thoughtful gifts.

We were able to have Parent-Teacher Conferences through Zoom, FaceTime, and phone calls. Parents were given assessments to do at home with their children, and I gave them ideas to help them continue their learning during the summer, so they will be ready for their next class in the fall.

The Dolphins also had a drive-by birthday celebration for Princess Kennedy! We were so happy to see so many of our students during the event.

Beth, Terry, and I were able to get back into the building to finally take down St. Patrick's Day decorations, and prepare our classroom for a new class in the fall. We were able to gather our students' artwork, and we spent an afternoon delivering it to all our students' houses.

We had an amazing class this year and were saddened that our school year was cut short, but with our Zoom meetings and constant communication, we were able to continue to stay in touch with our students and help them continue their exceptional learning. Have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing all of you in the fall!



Ms. JoJo & Ms. Patsy

Hey, Everybody! I hope you are all doing well. I sure do miss everyone! Thank you so much for the wonderful bag and goodies for Teacher Appreciation!

Our focus this month was supposed to be reviewing all letters, numbers, colors, shapes, counting to ten or higher, and RECOGNIZING the letters, and numerals. Our song for the month was "Summer Jive". I hope you had fun with it! And use pictures and painted coffee filters to make flowers. We were also going to read On the Farm and How Zebras Got Their Stripes and then make zebras out of the letter Z. I'm sorry that we were unable to make presents for Mothers' Day this year. I hope you had a wonderful day!

I appreciate all who have stayed in touch and been keeping me up-to-date on your children. The videos and pictures are priceless!



Music with Ms. Dana

I hope the children enjoyed the music activities I sent out weekly this spring.

Here are the links to all of the YouTube videos I created:

<https://youtu.be/c84pKWhaYvk>

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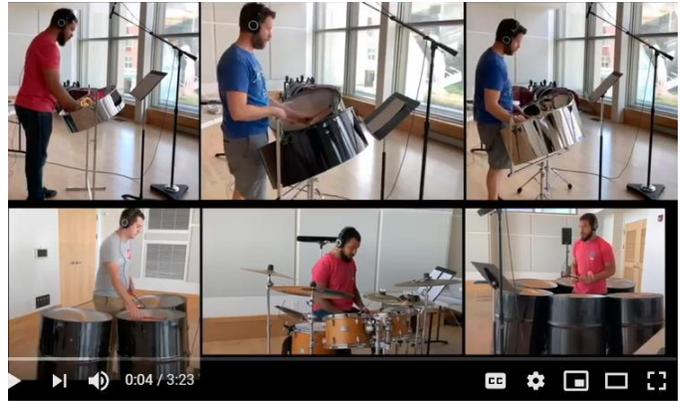
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<https://youtu.be/Kwa2siQEVaQ>



Continue practicing keeping a steady beat with your child during the summer.

Pick a song you like and clap or tap along. Keep dancing and moving to music, too.

Here are some additional links to watch.

Steel band version of Post Malone "Circles" [Steel band](#)

Japanese Koto version of the song "Sakura" (the Koto is a traditional instrument from Japan. Sakura means cherry blossom.) [Sakura](#)

Swiss Drum Corps "Top Secret" [Drum Corps](#)

Making music should be fun! Find music you and your child like and enjoy dancing and playing together.

Español with Maestra Mercedes

Dear ASDS Staff, Parents and Children,

I started the 2019-2020 school year at ASDS hoping to help the children gain a joy for foreign languages and ended up appreciating how personally rewarding teaching can be.

I believe learning can be fun – I used songs, games, and interactive books to engage the children in the learning process. Hopefully this school year was as enjoyable for the students as it was for me.

Thanks to your children I learned so much this school year: I learned to listen more attentively; I learned "patience is a virtue"; I learned I was not a very good singer; I learned which books to read and which ones to shelve; I learned that not all children can be taught the same way; and I learned that all children are gifted!

I won't be returning next school year due to personal circumstances but I do hope to return to ASDS as a substitute or just to say "Hola, Buenos Dias!"

Thank you to the staff for welcoming me into your wonderful classrooms. Thank you to all the parents for allowing me to teach your beautiful, smart, adorable children. But most of all thank you to all the children for making me smile every time I walked into a classroom for Spanish time!

!Hasta luego! See you later!

Mercedes Tarantino



We Will Miss You, Maestra Mercedes!

Te amo!

We are so sad that you will not be with us next year Maestra Mercedes! You have taught us so much this year. We loved having you come to our classrooms and all of the fun times we had together. We had no idea it could be almost as much fun using your YouTube videos while we were learning from home. You are so much fun! Be safe. Stay well, and come to see us next year as a friend and as a sub! Te amo!! ♥

Thank You, PATTCH, for Appreciating Our Teachers

PATTCH bought the staff Scout Bag, a potted Gerber daisy, and each teacher's favorite candy and snack!



Tentative Fall Calendar

We have no way of predicting the future of COVID-19 and its impact on our summer plans or fall schedule. We do not yet know what the Virginia Beach City Public Schools is planning, and we base our calendar on theirs. However, if we do not plan, we can find ourselves too far behind to provide the quality product that is the hallmark of All Saints' Day School. The calendar below is **TENTATIVE**. We will keep you posted on any actual decisions as soon as they are made.

August 31 st – September 4 th	ASDS is open to staff for inservice training and classroom set-up
September 2 nd @ 6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night
September 3 rd 10:00 – 11:00	Meet the Teachers
September 8 th	First Day of School