

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have come just about to the end of our circle once again. May certainly seemed to fly by. One of the biggest accomplishments has been the Seconds and Thirds having finally mastered all the cursive alphabet and are so thrilled to be writing only in cursive! How "grown up." Firsts have just about completed their mastery of the D'Nealian script which will prepare them to learn cursive in the future. In Math Thirds are working on fractions from many angles, including their Fraction Flip Book for fractional equivalencies. Speaking of angles, Geometry has also brought the Third Years to learning how various angles work and how to use a protractor to fully understand them. The Seconds have moved past triangles and quadrilaterals to the realm of the many-sided-figures. They were most excited to bring home their "giant" book of Stars and Diaphragms and the something "magical" about them! The children have also progressed in grammar with the Seconds' Verb books having arrived home, and they have now been working diligently with Prepositions which they will finish before school finishes. Thirds, after having mastered Pronouns in the past few weeks, are now completing their Montessori grammar work with learning and working with Conjunctions.

In **Botany**, we learned about **Aerial Stems** which, depending which they are, can be erect, climbing, or procumbent ("crawling"), and also **Underground Stems**. They've enjoyed exploring these various types of stems as we've gone exploring the beautiful garden areas outside all the classrooms. They now also have been creating our own paper version of the stems and leaves as they "grow" in their various ways across our bulletin board. Have them look for these various types of stems in your own gardens and neighborhoods.

In **Zoology**, the Firsts have been exploring the **Invertebrate** world, primarily the families of Porifera (sponges), Cnidaria (animals with stinging tentacles like jellies), and Echinoderms (seastars, sanddollars, and anemones). They can give you a tour if you go to some tidepools at the beach, or visit the California Academy of Sciences this summer.

We hope all the mothers enjoyed their day and their gift on **Mother's Day**. The children certainly enjoyed describing you with nouns, adjectives, and verbs to be the "Jewels of Their Hearts"!

So, less than 3 weeks to go now. To all of you, we thank you for the time and effort you have put into your child's educational experiences this year. You know, of course, we could not possibly begin to do this on our own. It is enormously gratifying for us to witness the successes the children have achieved, and because of that, and the parents you all are, to know the successes that await them further down the path. For the Firsts and Seconds, we look forward to seeing you again in September. And as the Thirds move on, we wish you well and hope you will keep in touch. It has been a pleasure to have you with us. May you have a safe, healthy, and very enjoyable summer ahead of you.

Best Regards,  
Mary Anne, Toni, and Amira

#### June Calendar:

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Ballet Folklórico de Carlos Moreno (Isabella's dad) comes to dance for us! (and of course Isabella is one of the wonderful dancers) A big thank you to all of them!

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - last Sharing Day  
(theme: "my best trip ever" - bring 1 or 2 photos)

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day - free dress if you wear red, white, and blue or something with a flag

Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> - last day of school - minimum day - dismissal at 12 noon  
*\*note: No afternoon daycare on that day\**

Third Year Graduation, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads!