

Good afternoon Parents!

WHAT A WEEK! From insane suction fish to rocket science to dance parties and making crazy things out of boxes! We had such a fun time at the Shedd Aquarium, that we couldn't stop talking about our experiences the next day. I asked the class to do a little inventive writing in their journals for their morning challenge and share with the class, if they chose, what they found to be the most interesting thing they learned about or saw while on the field trip. I was very proud to hear a couple of your children say that the jellyfish, penguins, fish, etc. made out of various garbage and plastic found in the ocean were what made them most curious. We were all a little disturbed to be honest, to see just how much our plastics and other trash can amount to. You can see what this was about here:

<https://www.sheddaquarium.org/plan-a-visit/washed-ashore/>

You may have noticed in the last few weeks some boxes of different shapes and sizes in our classroom. We read the book, Not a Box by Antoinette Portis that shows the main character using a box as different things. One day he was a fireman putting out a building fire, another time he was driving a race car, and then he used his box to blast him off to space for a quick trip around Saturn! After reading the book, the class took out the boxes we had and made their own "not-a-box" boxes into whatever they could imagine!

\*Update: We did NOT finish our rockets in time to launch this week! Definitely will by next week though!

Reminders:

- Book orders due TONIGHT!
- No school Monday.
- Donations still needed:) Contact me for more information.
- We have gym on M/W/F so your child should be in their gym uniform on these days. However, your child should wear their gym shoes EVERYDAY!

Have a super fun long weekend and see you all Tuesday!

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."-Plato