

Dear Parents,

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. We made an egg float. Ask your child how it was done. How can we get the egg to sink again? What are some other differences between fresh water and salt water? See if you can get an egg to float at your house.

2. On Tuesday we added a story and cover page to our wonderful deep sea creature drawings. Knowing that some scientists believe that up to two thirds of the plant and animal species in the world's oceans may be undiscovered, we brainstormed some possible creatures that may be lurking in deep crevices just waiting to be discovered. The students were very proud of their stories and were anxious to bring them home Tuesday to share with you. Enjoy!

3. We are halfway through our novel study, *Dark Day in the Deep Sea* by Mary Pope Osborne. We are still working hard at increasing our visualization skills. Every time your child talks to you about books we read it is strengthening visualization skills. Talk about how a book relates to something that happened in your life, how it relates to another book you have read, or to something happening in the world. Have you ever seen a lunchroom that looks like the one on the ship? Do you remember the worst storm you have ever seen? Do you think the storm you saw was worse or gentler than the one Jack and Annie had on the ship? Were you ever afraid that you might throw-up in the wrong place? Why do you think Annie ran after Jack instead of going with the other sailors?

4. Wednesday we go to Bridge Community Church for our rehearsal. It is very important that your child is here at 8:40 am. Public speaking is the number one fear of all Americans. Developing the self-confidence to stand up on a stage and entertain an auditorium full of people is a huge accomplishment. I have seen their song many times and I enjoy it every time. Discuss with your child how much you are looking forward to seeing their upcoming performance. If they seem nervous, then focus on how awesome they will look in their dress clothes and how fun it will be to see all the songs by the other classes.

5. Our designated day for bank deposits is Thursday. We will stop by the bank on the way to the library on Thursdays when students have a deposit to make.

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape :)

"Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide." - Napoleon Bonaparte