

Dear Parents,

Highlights from this week to discuss with your child:

1. This is a great time to reflect on the Holiday Program and discuss how we all felt nervous and yet we all got on stage anyway. Talk about which performances you enjoyed. Look up different versions of "Silver and Gold" on YouTube and sing along.

2. On Monday we had fun with our "Silver and Gold" lyrics. Check out our new versions posted in the hall outside the bathrooms. Take your time and have your child read all of them to you!

3. After studying about the undersea museums that were started around 2009 as a way to restore the coral reefs and offer fish a safe haven we made sculptures and created a model of the museums to share with the other classes here at Plato. On Thursday we will take our traveling museum around to some of the other classes.

4. Ramps and Pathways Exploration continues to grow and expand. This is true science. We have a problem. We ask lots of questions. We make a plan. We gather materials. We design our experiment and try it out. Then we usually end up with a problem so we ask lots of questions and make a plan. We gather materials. We design our new experiment and try again. We usually encounter a problem. In only four months all the students have become so much better at persevering and viewing a problem as a clue to what needs to be changed.

We found our missing library book. Thanks to everyone for helping in the search. The library had it the whole time.

Happy Holidays to All! On our return in January we will start a new novel study, *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan. Hopefully we will have snow on the ground as an extension to our study. I am also setting up a presentation from the American Mid Life Crop Association on farming and the water cycle. I have had this program come to my classroom other years and the students have always enjoyed the information.

Your partner in education, Mrs. Teresa Pape :)

"Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

—**Steven Spielberg**

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

—**Aristotle**