

GUMBO LIMBOS

April 24

SOUND OF THE WEEK
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WORD OF THE WEEK
Sargassum

SHAPE OF THE WEEK
Scalene Triangle

Sight Words

Funny
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Help
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The sun is a star that stays in the sky in the morning.

Annabel

In 1837 Friedrich Froebel, a German Educationalist, founded the first Kindergarten. Prior to this children under the age of 7 did not attend school. It was believed that young children did not have the ability to focus or to develop cognitive and emotional skills. Froebel however, expressed his own beliefs about the importance of early education in the following way: ". . . **because learning begins when consciousness erupts, education must also.**" Like Froebel, Montessori believed that children learned through a "hands on" approach to education. Both educators believed that structured play activities developed a work ethic that would remain with the child throughout life. Working with clay was an activity that was strongly encouraged by Froebel and Montessori. By allowing a child to mold random forms with the clay, they externalize the concepts existing within their creative minds. Therefore, through the child's own self-activity and creative imaginative play, the child can begin to understand both the inner and outer properties of things as they progress through the developmental stages of the educational process.



The Mayan and Aztec Indians would pour the chocolatl from a considerable height in order to produce foam on the surface. Daniella would have made a fine Chocolatl for Montezuma.



Harry meticulously counting the beads.



Raquel working on her reading skills.



Amalia examining salt crystals

In addition to the children's weekly clay workshop, our resident potter Adam has kindly donated his *time and clay* to helping the children craft chocolate mugs to compliment our in depth study on the history of chocolate. Along with the community garden, clay modeling is one of the most anticipated event of the week.

Island Pottery is offering some wonderful Summer programs for children of all ages (including teens). Please see the attached flyer for further information.

I know where my kids are headed when school gets out! I can't count



the benefits of creating meaningful work from the gifts mother nature shares with us.

Thank you Adam and Kelly for providing the clay, guiding the children and firing their beautiful creations.



Earth Day Activities

While everyday should be Earth Day it is important to commemorate this special occasion. We plan to do so by cleaning up our neighborhood. The children will be provided with rubber gloves, plastic bags and a sense of responsibility. Last year we found \$5- now that's karma!

"Children are like tiny flowers: They are varied and need care, but each is beautiful alone and glorious when seen in the community of peers."
- Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852)



Star of the Week: Sage