

Mangrove News
April 6, 2011



Observations

Our teaching staff had the opportunity to observe the Montessori Island School in Islamorada. We had a great time making connections, getting inspired, and taking home great ideas from others in our field, which we will be implementing in our classroom over the months to come.



Potty Training

Some of our younger friends have been very successful with potty training this month. We ask that you keep an open communication with the teaching staff in regards to this topic. Lets not put too much pressure or ask too much of our little friends, it will only lead to frustration for both you and your child. We ask that before you bring your child to school in underwear, make sure they are continually successful at home, for about a week. Our school days are filled with a lot of activity and it can be difficult for our young friends to remember to take care of their potty needs. The teaching staff also asks for only a few students to begin the process at a time, this will give better one on one attention to our "trainees". You can help make this time easier for your child by dressing them in clothing which they can easily take on and off themselves, this includes socks and shoes and bring them to the toilet prior to drop off in the morning. If we all work together we can make this experience an easy and happy one.



Field Trip

The Mangrove class is planning a field trip to the Key West Wildlife Center on White Street. We will observe the rescued birds, feed the turtles in the pond and have a picnic-style snack in a shaded area. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th. All children in the Mangrove room are invited to attend but we ask that our Tuesday/Thursday children bring their parents for ratio purposes. If you are available to be a parent chaperone please check the box at the bottom of the permission form, which will go out in the Thursday folders.

Cultural Immersion

On Thursday, May 19th the Mangrove class will be participating in our first Cultural Immersion day. Each class has been studying and researching different types of food. We have been learning about Corn; its place of origin, life cycle and how it is used today. Corn has also been incorporated into our daily work cycle. We are using it for transfer lessons, art projects and as part of the sensorial area of our class. The parents are invited to see our hard work and learn just as we have before the Cooperation Meeting on the 19th!

The Mangrove Class would like to welcome back Julian and his family! The Puigs' left us for points north, but they have returned to the Key West area and our class and we are so happy that they are with us once again!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't
hesitate to ask,
Ms. Andrea, Ms. Jen & Ms. Tina

