Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Center’s Annual Art Festival on Saturday! It was a beautiful day outside, filled with arts and crafts, sensory activities, music, and lots of family fun. We are especially grateful to the parents who helped staff our booths and the Key Club from Manatee High School. A wonderful time was had by all!

In our commitment to educate the whole child, we also enjoyed a field trip this week. On Thursday and Friday, the E1 classes visited the Manatee County Library in downtown Bradenton. The Education Department of the library presented a special program for us related to “World Author’s Day” and toured the library. The children had discussed their favorite authors prior to our visit and were excited to learn more. We also practiced important practical life skills by cooperating in a group and using quiet, respectful voices in the library environment. Following the library program, we participated in “National Take a Hike Day.” We walked along the Bradenton Riverwalk and enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch by our beautiful Manatee River. We thank everyone who joined us to chaperone and make these special educational opportunities outside of our classroom possible. Thank you!

Finally, we are looking forward to celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday, November 22. The E1 students will host their guests from 9:45am-10:30am. This schedule allows time for guests to participate in other classroom programs as well. The Pacific guests should visit the reading room and guests for the Atlantic class will be in the math classroom. After a short presentation, all E1 students will bring their guests to the deck behind the 2-story building where the children will sing a song and we will share a healthy snack. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would greatly appreciate everyone bringing one piece of fruit or one vegetable to contribute to our gathering. We look forward to sharing in this special time with your children.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

The E1 Teachers
E1 enjoyed a field trip this week to the Manatee Central Library and Riverwalk as we celebrated World Author’s Day and National Take a Hike Day.