E2 Classroom Activities: Montessori observed that, “Education is a work of self-organization by which man adapts himself to the conditions of life.” This week we introduced the grammar game which is an exciting game that uses the Montessori parts of speech symbols in a board game format. The Grammar Game helps the child internalize a sense of the functions of the parts of speech. Children choose words randomly and place them into a sentence structure template based on their function. The sentences created are grammatically correct, but are silly once constructed. This is sheer delight for the children. An example that came out this week was, "The hungry children rolled joyously around an interesting dinosaur." The children have also been practicing peace and spreading kindness. Some children are writing kind notes and sharing them with classmates and their teachers. It is amazing how a little kindness lifts the mood and helps us all focus more on our studies. Our research projects are off to a great start as well. Students have organized their first chapter and are writing their rough drafts. Some are typing their first chapter and will be turning it in through our Google Classroom platform. All in all it has been a busy week filled with new learning adventures.
Our big class trip is this year is to Sea Camp in the Florida Keys. The dates are May 6, 7, and 8. The remaining balance of $635.00 is due November 15th. There will be some additional costs which we will share with you closer to the trip.

**VALENTINES DAY LUNCHEON**

On February 14th we will have a luncheon catered by El Warike. If your student would like to eat the luncheon, please send in $12.00 by Monday February 10th. If you are helping in the classroom that day and would like to also have the luncheon, please send in $12.00 for yourself. Thank you!

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**Calendar 2020**

February 10- Valentines Day luncheon money due $12.00

February 7- Silent Journey part one 6:30pm—9:00pm

February 8- Silent Journey part two- 9:00am—1:00pm

February 14- Valentines day luncheon and pajama day

February 17- School closed- President’s Day

February 24-28- Montessori Education Week

February 28- Schoolwide Celebration- 5:30pm

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**Mystery Math**

What is the maximum possible number of times you can subtract number 5 from number 25?