E2 Classroom Activities: This week the classroom has been busy and fun. The main attraction has been preparing for the musical performance of the band and chorus productions for the Holiday Music Program. Music is an important aspect of your child’s education. The idea that every child has musical potential and all children are able to learn and express themselves musically permeates the Montessori method. Music activities are respected at the same level as any other form of learning. Your children have been working so hard to create a wonderful program for all of you. They have been sharing with us their excitement and anticipation. Pictured are a few fifth graders practicing their moves to accompany their singing. It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. Please be sure to drop off your child at 11am on Saturday at Neel Auditorium. We are also blocking the play so all of our actors are beginning to know when they will be on the stage, when they will exit, and where they will be standing on the stage. Soon we will add gestures and props. Pictured is one of our assistant directors giving stage directions from the master script. We continue to work on all of our math, language, and reading. It is sometimes challenging to keep up with assignments however most E2 students are equal to the task. For some, we are beginning advanced lessons in percentages and algebra, while others continue their in-depth study of fractions and decimal fractions. It is a wonder to see how busy they can all be even with the excitement of the holidays approaching!
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.

**Plant and Bake Sale:** Please send in a home baked item for sale for our annual E2 fundraiser. We will receive items on Wednesday December 18 and Thursday morning before 9:00 AM December 19. Items will be wrapped attractively for sale by parent volunteers at school. Please contact Jayne or Susan with any questions.

**Calendar 2019**

December 9– Book report due- scroll down for pre-writing sheet

December 19– E2 holiday plant/bake sale 3:00pm

December 20– Half day dismissal

December 23–January 6– School Closed- Winter Break

January 7– Students return

January 21– Technical rehearsal for Greek Play

January 22– Greek Play performance

A multitude of thanks to Alicia Kennedy for all her hard work on preparing our students for the Holiday performance. There are so many moving parts to coordinate and Alicia has put in such effort to assure that it all goes smoothly. We are always impressed with the wonderful musical extravaganza!

In a bicycle race, the man who came two places in front of the last man finished one ahead of the man who came fifth. How many contestants were there?