E2 Classroom Activities: This week we introduced the props for the Greek play. The prop crew has worked very hard to organize the various items needed for our amazing production. Adding this new element to our rehearsals has been very exciting for all the players, taking us one step closer to a more polished play. It truly is fun and so much more meaningful to learn history in this way. Maria Montessori herself wrote, “The story of the past can be just a boring account of events. It must not be given this way. It must be given like a fairy tale.” We have also included some pictures of our fabulous students playing in our winter performance. We are always impressed by the level of talent that your children posses and can bring to the stage! We have also had several grammar lessons this week. One lesson was on sentence analysis and revealed how to take apart a sentence that contains a subject, predicate, direct object, indirect object, and an adverbial modifier. The students get excited as the sentences get more complex. We also gave several lessons in our Albanesi grammar card series. There were both lessons on how to abbreviate the names of the states as well as lessons on how to conjugate verbs. Since this Friday is Friday the 13th, we had a brief lesson on superstitions in which we learned that the superstition about not walking under a ladder originated in ancient Egypt. We have another book report coming up that is due in January. We would like students to have books picked out by Monday. Please scroll to see the instructions and due date for that report, in addition to a permission slip for a field trip on the last day of school before winter break. We are all looking forward to a fun filled last week!
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.

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**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.

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**Calendar 2019**

December 16-18- Holiday Gift Shop

December 19- E2 holiday plant/bake sale 3:00pm *please bring CASH

December 20- Field trip to St Pete Museum of Fine Art AND Half day dismissal

December 23-January 6- School Closed- Winter Break

January 7- Students return

January 17- Book report due

January 21- Technical rehearsal for Greek Play

January 22- Greek Play performance

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Thank you to Crystal Burkhart for loading up and driving our student’s instruments to the theater last week.

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**Mystery Math**

If you’re 8 feet away from a door and with each move you advance half the distance to the door. How many moves will it take to reach the door?
**Where:** The Museum of Fine Arts  
255 Beach dr. NE, St. Petersburg  
**Date:** Friday December 20th, 2019

**Time:** Leave Center at 8:30 return to school by **11:30**  
*Regular lunch at school*  
Half day dismissal at 12:30

My child ________________ has permission to attend a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg. Please drop off your child at regular drop off time. We will leave promptly at 9am.

I understand that this day is a half day dismissal and my child needs to picked up at 12:30

Yes ___ I am able to chaperone and can take ________ children in my car.

No ____ I am unable to drive at this time.

Parent Signature________________________________
This book report will be in the form of a book poster. It should have the following items on it:

1. **The title of the book** - The title should be large enough to be legible from 10 feet, attractively lettered, handwritten or computer printed.
2. **The author's name** - This should be. Under the title in smaller letters.
3. **A short summary of the plot.** The summary should include the main problem in the plot and how it was solved. Paragraph of at least five sentences would be enough.
4. **An excerpt** - An excerpt is a passage from the book. It should be an especially exciting one. Please include the page number at the end.
5. **A recommendation** - Your recommendation should spark the interest of others to read this book. For example: "If you like tales of adventure, humor, courage, and friendship, then, The Book of Three's is for you."
6. **Introduction of a character** - For example:"Meet Taran, a bumbling assistant pig-keeper who grow up and learns the true meaning of courage." This should be at least a paragraph.
7. **An illustration or other kind of art work** - Your illustration should represent an important event from your story. It is important that the drawing is carefully rendered.

**Guidelines:**

Refer to the example on the back of this page for one possible way of arranging your poster. Presentation is an important component of this report. Take time to edit all written parts, to mount the different parts of your report on colored paper, to cut the paper straight, and to compost it all in an attractive way.