

E-2



News

Center Montessori School

December 14th, 2018

"We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry." Maria Montessori

E2 Classroom Activities:

World

Sized cows

Have their backs

Scratched by the moon

Aliens

Aliens

Are cool

They are mysterious

They float in space

Planets

In addition to our daily play practice and regular work plan, we have started a relay poem. The type of poem that we are focusing on is called an elfchen. This is a German poem that has 11 words. In German, "elf" means eleven, and when you add "-chen" to the end of a word, it means little. So we have also been calling this poem "little eleven". The first line contains one word, the second has two words, the third has three words, the fourth has four words, and the last line has one word again. Taking a class list, the first student received a random noun for their first word. Once the first student created their own elfchen, their last word became the first word for the next student on the list and so on. By the end, we will have a very long community poem consisting of 22 "little eleven" poems, with a variety of colorful

subjects. We will be compiling them together and sharing them in a poetry anthology, along with many other examples of other types of poems we have been studying. It is so inspiring to see the students express themselves in such an imaginative and creative way.



If you have not done so already, please send in your child's neutral sandals for the play. Pictured is an example of what we are looking for. They need to have a back strap. We also need homemade baked goods for our annual bake/plant sale. These items should come in on Monday morning or Tuesday morning at the latest. We will have parent volunteers wrapping these items. There is no vocabulary homework or tests for this week and next. We will be resuming with unit 8 once we return from winter break. Over the winter break the students will be reading a fiction book of their choice for their book report. The report will be due when they return to school in January. Please scroll to page 3 to see the instructions.



May 8-10, 2019

Please click on this link to register your child

[https://
www.naturesacademy.org/
programs/center-montessori-](https://www.naturesacademy.org/programs/center-montessori-)

Our big class trip is the amazing Nature's Academy program - The Water's Journey. The **\$150.00 non-refundable deposit for this trip was due on September 7**. The remaining balance of \$525.00 is due February 1. There may be some additional costs which we will share with you closer to the trip.

If you would like to know more about the program please reach out to Jayne or Susan. You can also follow this link: <https://www.naturesacademy.org>

Calendar 2018

December 17 & 18- Send in baked goods for our annual bake/plant sale. We will be wrapping them.

December 18- E2 bake/plant sale 2:30-3:30

December 21- Field trip to Tampa Museum. Depart at 8:30am

January 7- Book report due. Scroll to next page for instructions

January 10- Follow the Child 6pm-8pm

January 15 - Tech rehearsal for the play 2:30pm-5:30pm Bayshore High

January 16- *Dar and the Spearthrower* 7pm to 8:30 Bayshore High School

May 8-10-End-of-the-year trip to Nature's Academy

*Thank
You!*

Thank you in advance to all E2 families for sending in delicious homemade treats for our sale!

December Book Report

Editing and Sentence Structure

E2 Instructions

Due Date January 7th, 2019

The December book report will consist of a cover page containing book information, and three paragraphs. Paragraph one should summarize the plot of your story. The second paragraph should describe your characters. The third and final paragraph should be your recommendation.

Please remember each paragraph should contain a minimum of six sentences; each sentence a minimum of six words. For fifth graders there should be at least 8 sentences in each paragraph. Please pay close attention to your grammar and sentence structure remembering all of the rules that we have gone over so far this year.

At the top of the first page of your book report you should include the following information:

Title: Write the title of your book at the top of the page.

Author: Write the name of the author under the title.

Copyright date: Inside your book on the back of the title page you will find a date with a "c" in front of it. This tells us when the book was published. Write this under the author's name.

Length of book: Record the number of pages in your book under the copyright date.

Paragraph one – SUMMARY: Write a short version of what happened in your story in the order in which it happened. Were there any problems? If so, how were they solved?

Paragraph two – CHARACTERS: Describe some of the most important characters in your book. Include not only their appearance, but also their personalities, likes, dislikes, hopes, fears and how they go about solving their problems. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY SUMMARY OF THE BOOK IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

Paragraph three – RECOMMENDATION: What did you like most about this novel? What did you dislike, if anything? Tell something new you may have learned from the story. What parts of the story would you recommend to a friend and why?