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 There was a lot of commotion in the ocean going on in the Primary –1<sup>st</sup> grade classes this week.  The children had gallons of fun exploring and learning about the ocean! They discovered that there is an entire world under the sea. Various sea creatures were highlighted, such as whales, fish, and sharks. The children experienced different whale attributes such as "seeing" like a whale and using "blubber" to stay warm. We even developed some expert fishermen & women! 

 Students learned how to re-create sea creatures and the ocean out of different types of materials including, paper, fruit, and even Jell-O. They also learned about different bodies of water and that there is a difference between the water that is in the ocean and other bodies of water. 

 Pollution and acid rain was discussed. An experiment showed the children what happens to the coral reef when it comes in contact with acid. The children also learned about different underwater professions, such as scuba divers. The children made a book about Jacques Coustaeu, who created the first scuba diving gear, The Aqualung. To commemorate the week, the children 

 created an "ocean" in Suite 150 that will stay up for the rest of the summer (pictured above). 

# CALENDAR

## Next Week: A Breath of Fresh Air!



Monday 07/12	Tuesday 07/13	Wednesday 07/14	Thursday 07/15	Friday 07/16
Music with Ms. Sheila	K-1st grade students visit the FTW Museum of Science & History PE with Stretch N' Grow Tee Shirt Day	Spanish (does not include Toddler students)	PE with Stretch N' Grow	Splash Day! ☺  Tee Shirt Day

## Finding Nemo and Other Sea Creatures



This week students in the Toddler and Transitional classrooms were busy exploring life under the sea. Students dug through sand looking for shells, they made jellyfish, sea turtles and their own oceans in a bottle.

Transitional students made their very own book of sea creatures and read a book entitled "Fish Wish" by Bob Barner. After they read the book, each student shared which sea creature they would "wish" to be if they lived in the ocean.

Both classes did a taste test: salty water (ocean) vs. tap water...the clear winner was tap water.



**Splash Day is scheduled for next Friday, July 16th. We never know what Mother Nature is going to bring our way...in the event that we need to postpone it, we will alert you as soon as we can. Signs will be posted in both buildings and we will send out an email alerting you of the change.**

**Please remember to send your child to school with a towel, swim diaper (if applicable), swim shoes/flip flops, and a change of clothes.**