

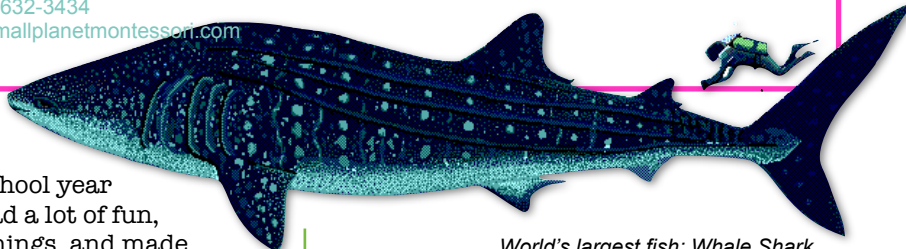


Small Planet Montessori

education for a peaceful planet

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Newsletter — June 2018



World's largest fish: Whale Shark

Fun Sea Star Facts

- The starfish's common name has been replaced with sea star because it is not a fish. It's an echinoderm, closely related to sea urchins and sand dollars.
- There are some 2,000 species of sea star living in all the world's oceans, from tropical habitats to the cold seafloor. The five-arm varieties are the most common, but species with 10, 20, and even 40 arms exist.
- They have bony, calcified skin, which protects them from most predators, and many wear striking colors that camouflage them or scare off potential attackers. Purely marine animals, there are no freshwater sea stars, and only a few live in brackish water.
- Beyond their distinctive shape, sea stars are famous for their ability to regenerate limbs, and in some cases, entire bodies. They accomplish this by housing most or all of their vital organs in their arms. Some require the central body to be intact to regenerate, but a few species can grow an entirely new sea star just from a portion of a severed limb.
- Average life span in the wild up to 35 years

Dear Parents,

Another fun-packed school year draws to a close. We had a lot of fun, learned loads of new things, and made new friends. Thank you all for making the 2016/17 school year so enjoyable! Who's ready for summer school!



Sea Stars, Shilshole Bay. Photo: D. Langley

The Seven Continents

HOW many continents are on the earth?

The seven continents - Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America.

All together they make up less than one-third of the earth's surface, which means more than two-thirds of the earth's surface is covered with water.

The children at Small Planet have worked their way through the seven continents and studied some of the animals that live there.

Small Planet Business

Tuition - A full month's tuition is due on the first of every month. **Please make checks payable to Martha Morgan.**

Morning lessons are from 9.00 - 11.30 and afternoon lessons 1.00 - 3.30. There is 15 minutes before and after class for drop-off/pick-up. Please observe these times.

Tiny Treasures - Any works at home? Bring 'em on back!

Guest Speakers - If you would like to share a special interest, hobby or holiday

tradition, please have a word with Martha! The children really love to hear about special ways to celebrate!

Veronique - Every Thursday, 1 - 2 p.m. \$10.

Snack - Is it your snack day? Please swap with someone if you're going to miss your child's day.

Lunch Card - Please remember to keep your lunch card up to date! 20 lunches for \$200.00. Extra time will be charged at \$12.50 per hour.

Sea Stars and Fish!

In the last month of school, the little learners will be having a close look at Sea Stars (invertebrate of the month) and Fish (vertebrate) of the month.

Dates and Reminders

- Register Now**—Registration open for Fall 2018/19.
- Golden Gardens field trip**—June 18th. Please sign up! We leave from Small Planet when everyone has arrived, around 9.30 am.
- Last day of school and Graduation Potluck!**—June 19th. Please sign up!
- Summer School starts Monday June 25th** **Please register!**
- Make the most of summer! Register NOW for our exciting camps! Learn **French**, Make **Art**, and Enjoy **Cooking!**
- Register now to avoid disappointment! Download registration forms from our website!

Lunch - is 11.30 to 12.30

Costa! - Please be sure your child's cost is weather appropriate.

Friday pick up! Please collect your child by 3.45 and at 12.45 on Fridays. The school closes for the weekend at 1pm on Friday.

Thank You from Martha for your cooperation!

See you at the gate! — Martha

I LOVE MY DAD

