

*Dear Family,*

**In my class today** we learned about the ocean and animals that live in it.

**Did You Know?**

- Oceans are the home of the largest variety of life on Earth. Oceans are constantly in motion to support the delicate balance of ocean life. Ocean tides are the up and down movement of the water and cause the change in the height of the surface of oceans. Tide changes happen about every twelve hours. Tides are caused by the pull of the Moon and Sun. There are two different habitats in the ocean, the ocean floor and the water itself. These two habitats support different communities of ocean life.

**Ask Your Child:**

- What did you make at school today?
- How did you make an ocean in a bottle? What did you use?
- What happened to the oil and the water when you shook the bottle?

**Activities To Do With Your Child:**

- Have you and your family ever visited the ocean? Do you have any pictures of your family visiting the beach? Maybe you have a storybook about the ocean or the beach. Do you have anything at home that you use when visiting the ocean (sand toys, goggles, beach towel, sunscreen)? Do you have any seashells?
- Share the pictures or items with your child and talk about a time that you visited the ocean together.
- Read the storybook together and talk about what you would see and do if you visited the ocean.
- Let your child choose one of the things that you shared and he/she can bring it to school and share it during circle time.

**Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:** ocean, water, salt, wave, tide, habitat