



Sea Life - July 16 through 20, 2018



"Ocean & Loosa"

This week we learned about sea life and things you might find on a beach! We started off with finding out what life is like for hermit crabs. The children enjoyed naming our 2 new classroom hermit crab pets. Each child was asked to select two names, and we put the names into a basket – one is named Ocean and the other is Loosa! We learned that crabs are in the crustacea family, and that they molt (shed) their exoskeleton, too.

We then learned about sand dollars, and that they are from the echinoid family. We saw a quick video slide of a live sand dollar burrowing in the sand. The children were fascinated to learn that a live sand dollar is dark purple!

Some of our art projects this week were painting light house and/or flip flop magnets, sand dollar and sea shell scenes, hermit crab puppets, and making colored sand bracelets.

Our main attraction this week was our special guest, Ms. Charlotte Ann Dore, creator of Rosalita's Puppets. She provided us with a unique show using marionettes that she hand-crafted. Charlotte is a professional actor-puppeteer, and she shared her mystical story of mermaids, pirates and many sea creatures. She brought 12 of her puppets for this show, and at the end the children got to personally "meet" the puppets up close! What an amazing show Charlotte performed.

