

The Vaquita Vine

January 2026

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Important Dates

- 1/5 - School Resumes
- 1/9 - Spirit Wear Day: CSA themed
- 1/12 - Parent Council Meeting: 6pm
- 1/20 - Field Trip to Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
- 1/22 - Family Fitness Night
- 1/30 - Parent Council's Family Movie Night at CSA



Field Trip

Students will be learning all about Force and Motion this month. We will enrich this unit of study by going to the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum on **Tuesday, January 20th!**

Look for the permission slip in your child's Tuesday folder. Please complete the form and return by Tuesday, January 13th.



Thank You!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the Vaquita families for your incredible support this past month. Whether you volunteered in the classroom, made donations, shared kind notes and encouraging words, or gave thoughtful gifts, your generosity has truly meant so much. I feel incredibly supported and appreciated. Thank you for all the love and partnership!



January Learning Targets

Here's what the Vaquita kids are working on this month:

Science and Social Studies

- Antarctica & Penguins
- States of Matter (solid, liquid, gas) as it relates to snow/ice
- Force and Motion (push, pull, gravity)

Math

- Using number bonds to form different combinations of numbers
- Working on solving basic word problems with a picture and number sentence & solving basic subtraction
- Continuing work on combinations to make teen numbers and solving basic addition and subtraction problems

Literacy

- Working on reading new popcorn words by sight
- Handwriting Practice-writing CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant)
- Working on strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books'
- Learning how readers:
 - solve unknown words by saying first letter sound, asking does it look right, going back a page or two to reread and rethink, and think about what is happening as we point to words...and more!

Writing

- Writing New Year's Resolutions
- Working on quality work illustrations
- Using popcorn and heart words in our writing and other strategies as we work on writing for readers!



Winter Gear: Friendly Reminder

As we continue to head outside each day (unless the real feel or windchill is 0° or below), please be sure your child comes to school dressed for the weather. Warm boots, snow pants or a snowsuit, a hat, and waterproof gloves are encouraged to keep everyone warm and safe.

Please remember to **LABEL ALL ITEMS**.
Thank you!



Character Corner

This month, our class is focusing on the character traits of **Responsibility** and **Optimism** through our *Smart Character Choices* program. Students are learning what it means to take responsibility for their actions, belongings, and learning, as well as how to practice optimism by trying their best, using positive self-talk, and seeing challenges as opportunities to grow. These traits support both academic learning and social growth, and we are proud of the thoughtful ways students are beginning to show them each day.

