

**Marine Science Education for 5th Grade Students at Virginia Rocca Barton
Elementary School
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Dear Dave Karl,

I would like to thank you for your generous grant of \$1450 to help fund our Marine Science Education Project for 5th grade students at Virginia Rocca Barton School. The monies were used to pay for a day field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium on January 21, 2011, a three day overnight trip to Camp Sea Lab in Aptos, California to take place April 11-13, 2011, in addition to correlating classroom lessons and art projects.

This is one student's (Koa Pacheco) art project:



The Monterey Bay Aquarium visit was a great success in front loading the students with knowledge of ocean life that they can then use when they go to Camp Sea Lab in April. Students learned that all things in the ocean are related, from the tiny plankton to the whales.

“Going to the Monterey Bay Aquarium field trip changed my life because now I want to study sea otters and help other children learn how they eat, sleep, and shower. I had so much fun going to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. I saw many things and now I want to be a person who helps animals and I saw that there are many things waiting for me”.

–Jasmine Jimenez

Without your generous support these life changing experiences would not be accessible. Thank you for helping to make learning about ocean life a hands-on experience for my students.