Happy Dolphin Week!

This week, we will be learning some facts about Dolphins!

DID YOU KNOW……?

* Dolphins, like cows, have two stomachs — one for storing food and one for digesting it.
* In the wild, dolphins can live to be 50 years old, although the average age is 17 years.
* Some dolphins can hold their breath for as long as 30 minutes, while others have to breathe every 20 seconds.
* A dolphin's brain, in relation to the size of its body, is larger than the brains of chimpanzees and great apes.
* Dolphins can jump as high as 20 feet out of the water.
* The largest member of the dolphin family is the killer whale, which can grow to 30 feet long.
* A dolphin's skin is extremely delicate and easily injured by rough surfaces — much like human skin.
* Dolphins have very little sense of smell.
* Dolphins are mammals, not fish.
* There are 32 types of Dolphins that live in salt water and five types that live in fresh water.
* Like a bat, dolphins use echolocation to navigate and hunt, bouncing high-pitched sounds off of objects, and listening for the echoes.

~ Explore the Internet: Here are three websites you may explore to find your own interesting fact about Dolphins:

1. http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals/CreatureFeature/Bottlenose-dolphin/
2. <http://www.wspa-usa.org/pages/2222_dolphin_facts_for_kids.cfm>
3. http://teacher.scholastic.com/dolphin/

~ If you have time: You may go to this website to see the different types of Dolphins: <http://dolphins-and-more.com/what-are-the-32-types-of-dolphins.html>