

Set Sail Learn Testimonials and Student Quotes

Teachers:

- *“My students were THRILLED when we came back to school. Multiple asked if we could go back this year and two want to become sailors when they grow up. This was an amazing opportunity for my students and was the first time several of them have ever been on boats or have left San Francisco.”* Ms Martinez, Marshall Elementary School
- *“This field trip provides the rare opportunity for students to experience being on a sail boat. It is a fantastic field trip and for many of my students this will be the only chance they get for something so meaningful... and so close to home. The students that participated on this field trip have continued to express how this is simply the best field trip they've been on.”* Mr. M. Garrett, R.L. Stevenson
- *“My students reflected how they felt more connected to their science learning. Also, they loved first experiencing sailing and understanding better the strength of wind power.”*, Mr. J. Halili, Bessie Carmichael Elementary School
- This program allowed for some of my students to touch the bay for the first time. They were able to overcome some of their fears and anxieties about the ocean (bay) and push themselves to try new things. The students had such a great time and provided opportunities for kids to make new friends as well.
- *“Many of students have never been in a boat before and they got to experience an amazing learning opportunity!”* Ms Brand, Hillcrest Elementary School
- *“It was WONDERFUL to see the students outside of the classroom. It brings out a different side to them to see them exploring and enjoying nature! This program is also INCREDIBLY hands on, in the TISC classroom and of course on the water. I loved the activity where they built a boat and the kids were SO engaged in their design and experimentation.”* Ms. A. Shimoda, Daniel Webster Elementary School
- *“It is always beneficial to bring the learning outside of the classroom because the students show how to interact with the real world. They use what they know and apply it to the real world. The small group collaborative time in the wind classroom challenged my students to work together on a challenging task.”* Mr. E. Klaus, RL Stevenson Elementary
- *“My students live in San Francisco but don't access the outdoors like we did today. Sailing, and going out onto water can be inaccessible for lower income students, having this experience and learning about the Ecology of the Bay was so exciting for my class. None of them had ever been on a sailboat before, many had never been on Treasure Island. Thank you for this amazing day.”* Ms A. Hughes, Hillcrest Elementary School
- *“Some students have never sailed before nor think that they ever would have if it wasn't for today's field trip. It's one of those memorable moments that will stick with them forever!”* Mr. D Jones, Dolores Huerta Elementary
- *“This field trip opportunity opened a new world of excitement and wonder for sailing and the bay for my students! Some had never sailed or been on a boat before, so although they were a little scared at first, they were all gleaming with joy, curiosity, and pride by the end. The hands-on learning experiences on land about the ecosystem of the Dungeness crab complimented the sailing portion of the trip beautifully! Students learned so much about the crab's adaptations, and now they have a true appreciation for it. Thank you for this amazing trip!”* Ms M Suarez, Monroe Elementary School

Students:

- *"My favorite part of this field trip is sailing in the boat... I learned about the center board, rudder, and a ton of ropes that control the sailboat." -Jemalakai, age 10*
- *"That was definitely the best field trip I've ever been on!" -Jasai*
- *"I loved exploring the water and seeing under the bridge. It is seeing new places that help you realize that the world is not so small." - Muhammad (9 yr old)*
- *"This is the best day!" THIRTEEN TIMES!" (Eddie, 9)*
- *"We saw jellyfish, and seals, and birds, and so much cool stuff!" (Anahi 9)*
- *"I'd never been in the water, so I thought I'd be scared but it was fun and easy. The instructor was really nice and let us have fun." Sofia, age 9 (4th-grader)*
- *"It was amazing. It was the best field trip because I got to put my hand in the water and my sleeve got wet." - Jayden, age 9*
- *"I liked it. I saw a lot of sea lions while we were sailing. They are one of my favorite animals. I got to touch the water and we did a STEAM activity where we made boats out of clay. I would like to go sailing again." - Vincent, age 11*
- *"It was my first time on a boat and I want to do it again!"- Katie*
- *"We picked up trash that we saw floating in the water and made up a new song to go with it"- Nico*
- *"Sailing at Treasure Island was awesome!!"- Xifan*
- *"I have always wondered, "where does the wind come from?" When I asked my parents, their answer was a shrug. TISC taught me where the wind comes from and that you can use it to power things while having so much fun! I would highly recommend this field trip! ~ Katherine*