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Crabbing Adventures on the Karen N.

We worked as a team to pile 15 crab pots on the boat. In order to show gratitude to the menhaden fish we kissed the fish and thanked them for sacrificing themselves. Then we ripped the fish in half and placed the broken menhaden fish into the crab pot. After the crab pots were baited we placed the pots into the water and the crab pots stayed in the bay overnight.

The next day, we found our crab pots by the blue buoys marked with CBF (Chesapeake Bay Foundation) and we used a hook to grab the buoy. Then we hauled the crab pot onto the boat. We emptied the crab pot by shaking them into the wooden tray that was on the boat. We looked at the crabs and saw how the female crabs had red on their claws. The females are also known as sooks and were released back into the bay. The males or "jimmies" that were smaller than five and a quarter inch were also returned to the bay.

At the end of the day students and teachers enjoyed about a dozen freshly caught crabs on the dock while watching the sunset.

Period 3's Pledge (Devon's pledge)

Devon Dorsey pledges to: take shorter showers, turn off lights when not in the room, learn more about conservation efforts through events such as the STEM fair.

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Studying maps
on a boat from the dock
into the bay
too sunny
Seagulls and pelicans
Fish in cage in water with buoys on them