

Readington Middle School Field Trip to First Choice Aquatics in Flemington



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The Readington Middle School Life Skills Class took a community based instruction trip to the First Choice Aquatics fish store. The store is in Flemington and owned by 20-year-old Randy Fisher.

A few days before the trip, the students explored the store's website and watched an intro video on First Choice Aquatics. With teacher support, the students created three written questions they would later ask Randy.

Randy and his mother Peggy gave the students a tour of the store. Peggy fed their 5-year-old shark named Biggie. Randy showed the students many of their saltwater and freshwater fish. The students were able to see the coral being grown in the back of his store. Randy even let them touch a starfish. He discussed many of the jobs and responsibilities within the store. Randy also discussed his Coy fish pond at home and how he maintains ponds for customers on the days the store is closed.

Many lessons were learned by the students and Randy was able to connect with some future aquatic enthusiasts.