Decorating the walls and buying some lamps is a nice way to make a room feel more homey, advised junior Sammy McGrath.

“I added some new furniture and wood furnishings to make it feel like home. I added multiple plants and goldfish so we wouldn’t be the only living things in the room,” said McGrath. “It added a nice ambiance. Flowers are pretty.”

Senior Katie Bateman said that animals dress up her room.

“I have a beta fish named Kingsford and, at one point, I had about ten sea horses because one of them had babies,” said Bateman. “I used to have a turtle named Periwinkle, but we’re not supposed to have those and it was hard to keep up.”

Adding little things like flowers and fish are very nice, but for some students, space is a major problem. There is often very little room to work with.

“I put my bed on stilts and put my fridge and extra things underneath,” said freshman Jamie Bongiorno. “I also stacked my dresser on top of my roommate’s dresser and put an extra chair in its space to make a little living room area.”

Freshman Jennifer Zimmerman suggested that plants be used to liven things up a bit.

“My roommate’s dad was kind enough to buy a daffodil plant for the room, so we put it on a box and made it a little garden,” said Zimmerman. “It was actually nice to watch it grow. It looked pretty until it died. So sad.”

Besides plants and flowers, there are other little touches students can make to their rooms. Some students chose to add items that speak to them.

When senior Dennis Hester first moved into Poyda this semester, the room was dull, he said. “I put my passion for life and my interests into my room,” he said. “I have a multicolored, tie-dyed if you will, tapestry of mushrooms above my bed. Then there’s my upside down umbrella hanging from my ceiling. It’s a symbol of my inner drive to attain bad luck.”

Other students, like freshman Nastasia Avramovic, chose to express herself in form of celebrity and sports posters and photographs on the walls. This semester, she “wanted to make her room more interesting” and “change things around because it was getting boring.”

“I bunked my bed and added in a TV shelf unit,” said Avramovic. “I got a better and cleaner carpet and plan on getting curtains.”

If you want to change your room, any time is a good time. Senior Craig Goldberg recommends that you “go with what you like.”

“I tried to make my room more open to let people in and out easily to accommodate my guests,” he said.

Some students decided that besides their personal touches, they would also go with a specific color or theme.

“My room has a leopard print theme going on,” said Bongiorno. “It was my roommate’s idea. She has leopard print sheets, rug, chair and pillow. We also have a neon martini light and posters.”

For students like Goldberg, who are lucky enough to have a single, space is a little more ample.

“I got rid of my extra bed to increase the space in the room,” Goldberg said. “I also added a few flowers to improve the atmosphere.”