

Dear Families,

May 20 – 24, 2019



It is so enjoyable to administer the end-of-year reading assessments. The personal and academic achievements our students have made indicate they are ready for 3rd grade. It's hard to believe that time is only three weeks away.

During literacy time this week we will begin our last big unit on researching Rainforest Animals! Along with the research project, we'll also learn about Tropical Rainforests as a unique ecosystem that supports such a variety of animal, insect and plant life. Students will be introduced to the note taking process, specifically how reading a book is different than reading a website, how to take the information from those sources, categorize it, and summarize the facts as notes to be used later on to write a research project as an expert. Students will be taking notes in color-coded packets in class:



Green – Habitat Facts

Pink – Diet (Predator/Prey) Facts

Blue – Life Cycle/Family Life Style Facts

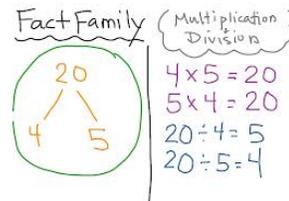
Yellow – Body/Physical Appearance Facts

Purple – Fun Facts

Most work will be done during the school day unless there is a need to send the work home, in which case it will be in the home folder and should come back the next day. If your child would like to do extra research at home and bring the information to school, that would be great! Expect a lot of excitement when we decide on the animals.

If you still have any library books lying around the house, please make sure you return them ASAP. **Our last school library visit will be Thursday**. We've also sent home the Summer Spark Public Library reading program with students. The first event at the Rice Street branch on June 8 is "Reading with the Saints!" Hey, we just watched them play!

In math the extra practice with subtraction and operations with multi-digit numbers is continuing, and we'll come back to multiplication and division number stories and fact families. Look for more practice with triangle flash cards coming home – try to keep them as they are excellent summer material for multiplication/ division fact recall.



Finally, the 2nd graders are taking on a leadership role at SAP's traditional Memorial Day assembly on **Friday at 9:15**. Each child will participate in choral singing and has learned a speaking part they will be presenting with a couple of partners. The Scouts will be on the microphone at the assembly, while others will be on a pre-recorded video shown on Friday. Dress code will be a **white top and dark bottoms**, with the Scouts in uniform.

Spelling: square, pair, share, scare, dare, chair, stair, repair, flair, fair, each, only
Vocabulary: endangered, nursery, independent, flange, branch

General Information:

- Specialists: M, PE, S, M
- **5/23 Last School Library Day – all books due!**
- **5/24 Memorial Day Program – Grade 2 performs 9:15 AM**
- 5/27 No School Memorial Day
- 5/28 Last Day Book Groups – thank you, volunteers!
- 5/30 Field Day 12:00 – 3:00 PM
- 5/31 Last Day with iPads
- 6/7 Last Day of Second Grade



Best, Ms. Krider and Ms. Mattison

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Memorial Day Assembly: Each year, St. Anthony Park honors veterans at a special program. We will celebrate their service to our country on Friday, May 24 at 9:15 am in the gym. During the program, which lasts less than an hour, audience members will watch a program, we'll sing patriotic songs, and veterans in attendance will get to introduce themselves. If you have a family member or friend who has served in the military or is currently serving, please consider inviting them to our program. Veterans will have a chance to stand, share their name, branch of the military, years of service, and the name of the SAP student or staff member who invited them. Thank you.

