

Kindergarten: March 1-5, 2021

Elizabeth McDowell • Friday, Mar 5 at 3:00 PM • **Kindergarten - Elizabeth**

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to be on campus again this week and hear the sound of laughing children. It is my favorite time of the school year. Routines are in place, classroom communities are well established, and the students are taking off in their learning!

This week the Unicorn Flowers had a chance to choose an animal that either lives in, or benefits in some way, from an oak woodland habitat. After looking closely at pictures of their animal, they carefully drew it on the first page of a book they are making. Each day they learned new facts about their animal which they wrote and illustrated in their book. They are finding out things such as: what their animal eats, where it lives, and who its predators are. Next week they will begin making plans for building their 3D animal. This plan will include the important parts of their animal as well as what materials they would like to use. Once we have this information we will reach out to you to see if you have any of these things in your homes. We will, once again, be using things we already have, want to repurpose, or things we may find in the recycling. Thank you, in advance, for helping with this.

We have updated our self portraits for March! The class posed as their animal for a photograph. This was placed in their collaged habitat which they made using nature magazines. They turned out wonderfully as you can see in the photos I've attached.

Fingers crossed the weather will dry for the Read A Thon next Friday. It is

one of the highlights of the year and an important fundraiser for the school. Kids are able to wear pajamas that day, of course it is their choice. **Remember that we will be outside for the majority of the day so regular shoes and sweaters/coats/robes will be important!** We have several locations put aside just for the kindergarteners so they will be moving a few times during the day. We felt staying in one spot for the youngest kids, who do not all read independently, would be too hard for them. We hope having a few locations will help keep them engaged.

Here are some important things that will be needed for the Read A Thon:

Warm layers, shoes

Blanket and or a yoga mat that is easy for them to carry on their own

Backpack with these items for the Read A Thon:

- Filled water bottle

- Small** stuffie

- 6+ books labeled with child's name (stickie note inside would suffice)

Snacks will be provided by parents (Thank you!) so no need for children to bring their own.

Lunch as usual, if brought from home.

Please remember that your child's books should be picture books that are age appropriate and inclusive of all students.

Have a restful weekend,

Elizabeth

