

Kindergarten Newsletter for May 2020

Well, this is it! My final newsletter of the year! Some things will depend on whether or not we are able to meet again, but either way, May is all about **ANIMALS!** (And review!)

We will start small with **insects**, then move on to **pets/farm, wild/zoo** and finally **ocean life**. The animal theme has proven to be very motivating in the past, and will be integrated across the curriculum! Each day of the week will feature a different animal to learn about, so this should keep things fresh and interesting! They will write **simple poems** about animals and they will choose their **all time favorite animal to write a book about!** This will involve creating a draft using a paper book, and then editing it before actually "publishing" it! (copying it into a real board book!) They also need to finish their **"Kindergarten Year" writing** for their portfolios.

I also need to start the end of year **assessments** via **1:1 zoom meetings**. Even if we are able to get back to the classroom mid-May, I don't want to spend the whole time just testing kids! So I am going to try setting up 30 minute time slots on zoom with each of you. It may take 2 or more of these meetings to complete the testing.

I was asked recently if we will be having a **kindergarten graduation** if the school stays closed until summer. The short answer is **YES!** It will not be a spring program like in the past, but I definitely want to get them in those caps and gowns, recognize their achievements, celebrate with them, and send them off properly! I would also like to plan a "reunion/one more day in K" this summer, so we can have some closure as a class. We will see if this is necessary ...still holding out hope!

