

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Dear Third Grade parents and families,

As we are working on our unit on Ecology, we are beginning a long term science research project this month. Your student is to select an endangered animal to research from the attached handout or choose another of particular interest to them. To keep from overwhelming you, the project is broken down into parts.

To avoid duplication, please select a first, second, and third choice for your endangered animal project. Turn in your choices on a **full size piece of paper** with your name on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 and we will draw straws to see which animal you will be researching.

Part 1 is due back in class on Thursday, Jan. 16. Help your child look up the names of our representatives. Please return an addressed (please let your child do this), unstamped envelope to either our Congressperson or Senator (addresses can be found in Part 1 directions). The return address should include your child's name and address.

Part 2 is due back in class on Thursday, Jan. 23. Please have your child write their name and the name of the Endangered Animal your student has selected and list the titles of their 2 resources. We are modifying the required 2 books to one actual book (Author, Title, Publication date), and one Internet resource (Author-person or organization, Title, URL, or internet address). The public libraries have healthy selections of books.*****Do not wait until the last minute because it takes time to find an appropriate level book for third grade.*****

Part 3 is due Thursday, Jan. 30. We will supply a 5 x 8 card for their report and the paper for the required '*illustration*'. The report needs to include the attached specific information from their sources and is to be neatly written *in their own third grade words* on the card. Handwriting will be included in the overall grade.

Part 4 is due Thursday, Feb. 6. The rough draft of their letter will be done at home and we will create the final version in class. Please see attached letter format.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance with this important project.

Mrs. Ablin and Mrs. Peyton

The 'illustration' must be larger than a dinner plate and fit within a standard 12x18" paper. If we cannot staple it to the wall, you must provide the gear from which it can hang. Please do not make something that needs to sit on a flat surface. Their imagination is the only other limitation: it can be painted, woven, carved, and sewed. We have samples from over the years, so please pop in to check them out.