May Is Research Month!

This month Library and Tech classes have collaborative activities for K-5!

Boys and girls,

Mrs. Seymour and I, with help from Ms. Silag, from Memorial School, are working together to create a month-long series of lessons around research! We've collected a lot of good videos, web resources and games to help us in our quest. Grades 1 and 2 will find a packet for their research, BUT you are not expected to do all the pages at once! We'll have you do each task one week at a time. Mrs. Seymour has some really interesting options for the final product!

Also know that these activities are not mandatory. If you are finding that the work your classroom teacher is giving you is keeping you pretty busy, then do only the parts you can. We want you to have fun as you explore!

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Kindergarten **Mammals**	Dear K Parents - Over the next few weeks, we will be researching the animal your child has chosen for our Mammal project. Each week, your child will find answers to a research question. They may use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. They will write their notes on this note-taking sheet - or any paper will do as long as they write their name, the name of their animal and their facts on it. Depending on your child's reading level and writing ability, they may or may not require adult assistance. Ms. Silag has made a video explaining what we are doing that she nicely shared with me. Please play this video for your child and instead of sending questions or pictures of your child's work to her, send them to me! (hardys@mersd.org)	**Online Resources** National Geographic Kids Mammal Pictures and Facts Introduction to Mammals Enchanted Learning PIcture Dictionary (click on the letter of the alphabet to find your animal) (See the last two slides for the username and password.) Kidtopia Search Engine-search for your animal and get kid friendly results Britannica School Mammals-has a read aloud ability so you can listen to the words being read! Click the play button on the top of the article! **Animal Games** What Kind Of Animal Is This? Animal Seek and Find Mammal Quiz and interesting mammal facts Memory Mammals

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Grade 1 Ocean Animals	Dear Gr 1 Parents - Over the next few weeks, we will be researching the animal your child has chosen for our Ocean Animals project. Each week, your child will find answers to a research question. They may use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. Please print out this note taking packet and staple it together. Each week your child will write their research facts on these sheets. Ms. Silag has made a video explaining what we are doing that she nicely shared with me. Please play this video for your child and instead of sending questions to her, send them to me! (hardys@mersd.org)	**Online Resources** Enchanted Learning Ocean Animals (See the last two slides for the username and password.) Britannica School Ocean Animals-has a read aloud ability so you can listen to the words being read! Click the play button on the top of the article! Kidtopia Search Engine-search for your animal and get kid friendly results Science Kids Animal Facts-more animals listed toward the bottom of the page **Ocean Animal Games and Fun** What Kind Of Animal Is This? What Kind of Shark Are You? Dolphin Diving Game Krill Smackdown Watch and listen to this fun song about dolphins! Check out this video about a cool ocean animal! Check out this video about another cool ocean animal!

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Grade 2 **Rainforest Animals**	Hello Friends! Over the next few weeks, we will be researching the animal you chose for our Rainforest Research project. Each week, you will find answers to a research question from the research packet. You may use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. Please print out this note taking packet and staple it together. Ms. Silag, the library teacher at Memorial, made a video explaining the steps in the process. She has shared that with us! Watch this video. You may notice that she mentions an activity that we haven't done yet around identifying keywords. Do the best you can when recording your notes: only write down the big, important ones. If you have any questions, feel free to have your parents email me. (hardys@mersd.org)	**Online Resources** Britannica School Rainforest Animals-has a read aloud ability so you can listen to the words being read! Click the play button on the top of the article! Kidtopia Search Engine-search for your animal and get kid friendly results National Geographic Kids-Lots of information on different animals **Animal Games and Fun** Jewels of the Earth Rainforest Game Treefrog Treasure Jungle Rangers Check out rainforest animal pictures and song Check out this Rainforest 101 video

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Grade 3 **Author Study**	Are you ready to start our Author Study Research Project?! You are free to switch up the author you will study in the coming weeks but please let me know your choice either by emailing me at hardys@mersd.org or by going to our Grade 3 Library Google Classroom! After you complete this research packet which you have several weeks to complete, we will offer you different options to make a final product to share your Author Study. Then we will share your work via Padlet (an online bulletin board.)	**Online Resources** Author Study Pathfinder-scroll through the list to find links to information about your author **We want to give you an idea of what an Author Study is so...** • Check out some final Author Study projects students in 3rd grade have made! Scroll down to the Author Studies. **Extra Author/Illustrator Activities** • Listen to an interview with Mo Willems • Listen to an interview with Raina Telgemeier • Draw with author and illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka

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Grade 4 and 5 **Interviews**	**Fourth graders, you may remember that we were working with primary sources before the shutdown. We were becoming proficient at analyzing primary source photographs.** **As a lead-in to our research project on conducting an interview, I'd like you to review this video about the distinction between PRIMARY vs SECONDARY SOURCES. Watch this video for a refresher. Then play at least one of the Primary Source Games listed in the Technology Column.**	## Primary Source Games Who Am I? A History Mystery Game-match historical figures to the primary sources that belong to them Primary Vs. Secondary Sources Game-test your primary source knowledge (answer key at the end) Primary and Secondary Source Sorting-define and sort primary and secondary sources

Library-Related Resources

EES Library Website

- Research Tools - Links to the online databases

BrainPop Jr and BrainPop
Educational Videos and Activities
Username: mersdessex
Password: essex

Burnham Library's Virtual Library

- **Find ebooks and audiobooks for the whole family! Public Library account is required.**

Caught In The Web

- Research Tools
- Direct links to our school subscription services
- Student Showcase-Student Created Digital Projects
- Educational Games

Enchanted Learning

Username: ees
Password: essex

Technology Class Resources

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BrainPop Jr and BrainPop
Educational Videos and Activities
Username: mersdessex
Password: essex

ABC Ya
Educational Games by grade level
Get rid of ads with our school account
Username: tucks
Password: point

Keyboarding Practice 4th & 5th Grade
Learning.com
District: Manchester Essex