

Library Activities Wk of 4/27/20

This week we're going to activate your thinking as we embark on a journey of discovery!

Kindergarten:

What are your favorite animals? What kind of animals are **mammals**? Watch this BrainPopJr.® video about [mammals](#) to find out what characteristics they have. As you're watching, be thinking about which mammal you like but don't know much about. What about that animal would you like to learn more? Did you know that bats are mammals? Listen to this very popular story, [Stellaluna](#).

First Grade:

First graders, your journey of discovery is in the ocean! (Don't get wet!) As you know there are *many* animals that make the ocean their home. As a matter of fact there are three animal habitats in the ocean. Find out about what kinds of animals live in each part in this [video](#). You may also enjoy listening to one of the [MA authors](#) read his book called *Dory Story*.

Second Grade:

We're off to the rainforest, another great place to learn about animals! Listen and watch this [story](#) about two friends exploring a rainforest in search of orangutans. Which kind of rainforest animal do you know little about? Which would you like to get to know better? See below for a list of rainforest animals to choose from. Pick one to research and let me know in an email. (hardys@mersd.org)

Third Grade:

If you had to pick your favorite author, who would it be? I know, it's hard to pick just one, but give it a try! Look at the books you have at home. Maybe your favorite is among them. Your journey of discovery will be about an author whose work you especially like. Take a look at the author lists on [BrainPopJr.®](#) and [BrainPop®](#). Ms. Silag, Memorial School's library teacher, has a list [here](#). (Thank you Ms. Silag!) Go to a [new classroom](#) I created and fill out the form to let me know which author you're most interested in studying. (If you did not receive an invitation please let me know ASAP. hardys@mersd.org)

Fourth & Fifth Grades:



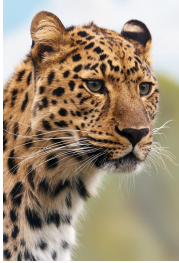



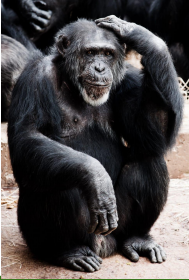
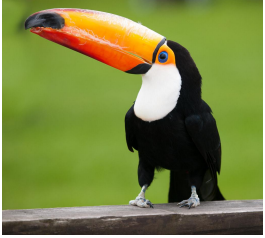



Your journey of discovery is going to be very close at hand! This project will allow you an opportunity to strengthen your interviewing skills. Firstly, you'll need to become familiar with the basic principles of conducting a good interview. Watch this [video](#) to get started. Now think of a family member you'd like to learn more about. It could be someone living with you now, or someone, like an aunt or grandparent that you could call. (We need to remember social distancing protocols and choose someone you can talk to without compromising those rules.) List 5-10 questions you'd like to ask that person. I've created a place for you in your Google Library Classroom for your person's name and your questions. Please do not conduct your interview yet! Please reach out to me if you have any questions. (hardys@mersd.org)

Reminder for 4th & 5th Graders:

The Burnham Library is sponsoring a special presentation on the life of Anne Frank. If you've read the book *Number the Stars*, you are familiar with the Holocaust. You may even have read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. On April 29th at 7:00 they will be broadcasting this program on their Facebook page. To learn more go to the library's website, www.essexpubliclibrary.org.

***Please note: As this presentation is based on actual events, the content may be emotionally heavy. Parents are responsible for determining if it is appropriate for their child. The recommended age range is 4th grade and older.**

Second Grade Rainforest Animal Options:

monkey 	elephant 	leopard 	snake 
sloth 	Poison Dart Frog 	chimpanzee 	toucan 
bat 	parrot 	gorilla 	something else?