

May Is Research Month!

Woot Woot!

Week 2 of Research Month
check out [this week's video!](#)



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<u>Kindergarten</u> Mammals Research	<p>Dear K Parents - By now I am hoping your Kindergartener has chosen a mammal to research and has already taken notes about what the animal looks like. If not, it's not too late! This week, we will be researching and taking notes on these note sheets embedded here about where our mammal lives and what our mammal eats - or any paper you have at home. Use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. Depending on your child's reading level and writing ability, they may or may not require adult assistance. Please send me photos of your research work - I'd love to see it and share it!</p> <p>Here's a little video about what we're doing this week.</p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u> National Geographic Kids Mammal Pictures and Facts</p> <p>Introduction to Mammals</p> <p>Enchanted Learning Picture Dictionary (click on the letter of the alphabet to find your animal)</p> <p>Kidtopia Search Engine-search for your animal and get kid friendly results</p> <p>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!</p> <p><u>Animal Games and Fun</u></p> <p>Check out the Kids Corner from the Franklin Park Zoo! There are a ton of games and activities to have fun with! Meet the different animals at the Franklin Park Zoo!</p>

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<u>Grade 1</u> Ocean Animals	<p>Hopefully last week you chose an Ocean Animal to research and made notes of what your animal looks like! This week we are researching about what our ocean animals eat. Find the note taking sheet in your packet with the Topic Question: <i>What does my animal eat and how does it get its food?</i> and then use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. Here is the entire note taking packet if you didn't print it out last week.</p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u> Enchanted Learning Ocean Animals 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</p> <p><u>Ocean Animal Games and Fun</u> What Kind Of Animal Is This? What Kind of Shark Are You? Dolphin Diving Game Krill Smackdown</p> <p>Listen to Kate Messner read her book The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding The World's Coral Oceans</p> <p>Check out some ocean animals in the underwater camera at the New England Aquarium!</p>

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<u>Grade 2</u> Rainforest Animals	<p>Hello Friends! Did you start your rain forest animal research? This week, I want you to pick up wherever you left off with your research last week. If you're on page 2 of our research packet then you will be researching What does my animal eat and where does it get its food? You may use books from home or use the online sources listed here in the Technology column to look for answers. Here is the note taking packet if you didn't print it out yet. Take pictures of your research notes and send them to me! I want to see what you are working on and share it with the MMES community!</p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u> 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!</p> <p>Kidtopia Search Engine-search for your animal and get kid friendly results</p> <p>National Geographic Kids-Lots of information on different animals</p> <p><u>Animal Games and Fun</u> Check out the Kids Corner from the Franklin Park Zoo! There are a ton of games and activities to have fun with! See if you can find the games and activities about Rainforest Animals!</p> <p>Listen to author Kate Messner read her new book Over And Under The Rainforest</p>

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<u>Grade 3</u> Author Study	<p>Hello my young friends! Did you re-start your Author Study Research Project?! If you haven't already, please email me the name of the author you are researching to silags@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.) I can't wait to see your work. Take a photo of your research notes and share them with me at silags@mersd.org</p> <p>STAY HOME BOOK CLUB is going live again next week with a Zoom Meeting Wednesday, May 13th @12:00pm. Bring your lunch and join us if you're interested in talking about books! You will receive an invitation via email from me on Monday!</p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u></p> <p>Author Study Pathfinder-scroll through the list to find links to information about your author</p> <p><u>Extra Author/Illustrator Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Watch an interview with Judy Blume● Do some lunch doodles with Mo Willems● Stay At Home Storytime with author/illustrator Oliver Jeffers● Listen to Peter Reynolds read his book Be You! <p>Next week I will give you some online and offline choices to use for your final product!</p>

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<u>Grade 4</u> US Landmarks	<p>Hello friends! If you have not already completed your Google Slides based on your Landmark Research then get your slides done! Once you are done, PROOF READ your slides and fix all typos and grammatical errors you find. If you need your research notes, I have them here at home and will send them to you, just email me at silags@mersd.org!</p> <p>STAY HOME BOOK CLUB is going live again with a Zoom Meeting next Wednesday, May 13th @12:00pm. Bring your lunch and join us if you're interested in talking about books! Last week, we had author Ralph Fletcher join our Zoom meeting! Unfortunately, very few 4th graders attended the meeting! I hope we get more participants this week! I will send an invitation on Monday!</p>	<p><u>Online Resources</u> Landmark Research Pathfinder-scroll through the list to find links to information about your landmark</p> <p><u>Google Slides How-To Review</u> Check out this video on the Landmark Google Slides presentations we started in school to help you out!</p> <p><u>Countries and Landmarks Games</u> Landmark Puzzles US Cities and States Word Game USA Memory Game US Monuments and Landmarks Quiz Everglades Spelling Game</p>

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<p><u>Grade 5</u></p> <p>Interviews</p>	<p>Ok friends - so by now you hopefully have chosen a family member to interview, you have watched Moby's video about Conducting an Interview and you have written up a list of questions to ask your interviewee. This week, I'd like you to conduct your interview and either video tape or audio record it and send it to me in a file either on Google Classroom or via email to silags@mersd.org. The interview doesn't have to be very long but it should be interesting and authentic because you are creating a PRIMARY SOURCE!</p> <p>STAY HOME BOOK CLUB is going live with a Zoom Meeting this Thursday, May 15th @12:00pm. Bring your lunch and join us if you're interested in talking about books! I will be emailing an invitation on Monday - everyone is Welcome!</p>	<p><u>Conducting An Interview</u></p> <p>If you haven't watched the BrainPop video on Interviews you can re-watch it here!</p> <p><u>Interview Examples</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to an interview with Tom Brady• Listen to an interview with Taylor Swift• Listen to a short interview with JK Rowling <p><u>How Can I Record My Interview?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voice Memo App on iPhone, iPad or Mac computer-Short Tutorial• Camera app (video mode) on iPhone or iPad• Use Voice Recorder on Windows 10-Short Tutorial• Type out your interview on a Google Doc• Write your questions and answers with paper and pencil/pen

Library-Related Resources

MMES Library Website

- Research Tools
- Book Club Info
- Recommended Online Book Resources

BrainPop Jr and BrainPop

Educational Videos and Activities

Username: tucks

Password: point

Caught In The Web

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

Manchester Public Library's Virtual Library

- TumbleBooksAudio Picture Books
- And more for the whole family! Public Library account is required.

Enchanted Learning

Username: samanthasilag

Password: splash97

Technology Class Resources

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[Caught In The Web](#)

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

[BrainPop Jr](#) and [BrainPop](#)

Educational Videos and Activities

Username: tucks

Password: point

[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](#)

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