

November 28, 2012

Dear Parents:

As part of our science unit, the students have selected and researched a specific animal and its habitat. Attached are your child's research findings that they have collected over the past few weeks. The students will create a diorama of their animal and its habitat. A diorama is a three-dimensional miniature scene in which figures (homemade plants and animals) are arranged in a naturalistic setting against a background. Please see the pictures on the bottom for an idea of what a diorama looks like. This will be a parent-child activity that will be due on **December 10th**. Encourage your child to use their research findings as a guide to help them to build their diorama. Please make sure to have your child turn in their research findings along with the diorama because it will be part of their project grade. In addition, we strongly encourage you to help your child add to their research by visiting the Hale Kula Website and clicking on Encyclopedia under the Hale Kula Library link. You may also visit www.enchantedlearning.com as well as other websites.

The diorama should be 3-dimensional (about 1 foot) and can be made of clay, construction paper, foam, or any kind of non-perishable material you can find at home (it does not have to be made of store bought materials). Your child's diorama should be entirely handmade (not consisting of plastic figures, etc.). The final product should depict an accurate image of the actual animal and habitat your child learned about. We encourage your child to use their imagination and creativity!

When they have completed their project, the students will be doing a mini presentation on what they have learned about their animal and its habitat. This will be an exciting journey in learning about the various animals and habitats around the world.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Have fun!

Sincerely,

Second Grade Teachers

