

Dear Parents,

The end of the year is fast approaching! We have a lot planned as we wrap up different learning experiences. The last week of school is filled with many fun activities for the children, including our end-of-the-year picnic that our room parents will send more information about.

In reading, the children are to **finish** (many already have) **reading their book** "Stone Fox" or "Shiloh" by next Thursday. We will continue to work on different skills in class using these two texts. When they finish reading each child will take the AR test on the book.

Last week we learned how selection isn't always caused by human beings: sometimes other, non-human factors can cause selection to happen. In our lesson, we introduced the true story of two lizard species in Florida. (If you're curious, you can read an adult-level version of the story here:

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-evolution-green-brown-lizards-20141101-story.html>).

The change in these lizards is an example of "natural selection"— a big idea that your child will revisit over the course of their science education. In our lesson we did not use the term "natural selection," but this example laid the foundation for later understanding of the concept.

This next week, we will be learning how living in groups helps many animals survive, including wolves, meerkats, ravens, and ants!

You can support your child's curiosity at home! Look for different kinds of animals near your home, and ask your child for each kind of animal, "Do you think it lives in a group? How do you think living in a group helps it survive?"

Please remember to check the huge Lost and Found pile of coats, sweatshirts.... Anything not claimed by Wednesday evening will be donated.

Upcoming Events:

**5/23 - Parents Club Meeting via Zoom - 7:00p**

**5/24 Confirmation - 6:30pm**

**5/25 - Spring Concert - 6:30pm - Doors open at 6:00pm.**

**5/26 - NO SCHOOL - Thank you for helping us reach our fundraising goal!**

**5/29 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY**

**5/30 - 6/2 - 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC**

**5/31-6-2 - Dia De La Niña (Children's Day)**

**6/9 - MYP Service Day**

**6/12 - Baccalaureate Mass - 9:30 am - Reception to follow**

**- 8th Grade Graduation -7:00pm**

**Third Grade End of the Year Picnic 10:00-2:00**

**6/13 - 7th Grade Retreat**

**6/15 - Field Day / Moving Up Assembly - NOON DISMISSAL**

**6/16 - All School Mass - 9:30am**

**- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 10:30am DISMISSAL - HAPPY SUMMER!**

Enjoy the wonderful weather,  
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith