



Week of March 26, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This school year our students have been learning about habitats. In preparation for Open House in May, we are asking the students to create a habitat diorama at home. A diorama is a scene contained in a box that has 3D figures and usually has some sort of painted or decorated background. Although we have not studied all of the habitats, your child may choose one of the following habitats to create: desert, grasslands, ocean, polar, or rainforest.

Start with the box standing on one of the *long* sides. In addition to decorating the surface of the box, we would like the students to add appropriate details. When decorating the box, remember the kinds of environments for which the habitat you are designing. For example, an ocean habitat diorama could be painted to show the four sea levels, include reefs, and a variety of animals. You may also need to attach a piece of construction paper, colored paper, or cardboard to the bottom of the box to extend your habitat space. Don't forget to add details to this extended piece as it is a continuation of your diorama. Anything goes and have fun!

Here are some suggestions for the supplies which you may want to use to make your diorama:

- a box lid (packing box size)
- crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint, or construction paper
- paste (a glue stick works well)
- scissors, ruler, pencil
- tape, thread, pipe cleaners
- optional: glitter, cotton puffs, Styrofoam, thin cardboard to glue to the back of the animals if your paper is very flimsy (old cereal boxes work well)
- any miscellaneous materials found around your house
- go online and do a search to see images of habitat dioramas

Your child may need assistance in order to finish this assignment. However, the majority of this diorama should be done by your child as Open House is a time to celebrate your child's accomplishments.

The completed dioramas are due Wednesday, May 16. Please do not send it before the due date.

Thanks so much for your support,
The Second Grade Teachers