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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope all of you are staying healthy and safe during these times of uncertainty. I am missing the normalcy and daily routine of teaching. I am missing each and everyone of my students and the joy and excitement they bring to the classroom. I know it is difficult to maintain some semblance of normalcy and create school routines at home.

I have compiled some resources to hopefully aid in the process of maintaining some of that routine. Let me know if you need some help in how to employ those resources.

One of the resources that my own children have been loving over the course of being shut in is:

<http://cincinnatizoo.org/home-safari-resources/> The Cincinnati zoo has been doing a daily video spotlighting one of their animals. This includes educational information about their diets, habitats and more. This resource could be used to engage in conversation with your student as you examine answers to the following questions: Who the animal is? What they eat? Who are their predators? Where do they come from? Do they have any features that make them particularly unique (climbing skills, prehensile tail, flightless bird, etc.)

During this time I will be in the building inconsistently, therefore not available to answer the classroom phone. I will check the messages on a frequent basis, but will not be able to return phone calls from home. The most efficient way to reach me will be through my school email account at emilo@spokaneschools.org. I will have my computer open and ready during school hours and will attempt to respond to you in a timely manner.

As I find more resources that may be beneficial to my students I will forward them on.

Thanks

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