



# Quarantine Chronicles

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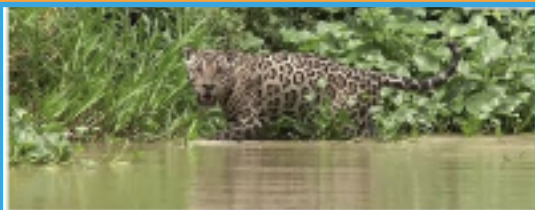
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FOCUS ON 1ST AND 2ND GRADE

## BUILDING ANIMAL HOMES

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MISS ZACHARIAS' CLASS?

Sometimes restrictions, boundaries and hardship can spark creative thinking, because our brains are forced to think outside the box. First and second graders in Jordan Zacharias' class have been working on an "Animal Homes" project in a clever way they would not have used under typical conditions. Ms. Z (as her students call her) found a way to get her students to use the materials around them to build an animal house, and then share their work. Using Seesaw, the educational platform the elementary classes are using, her students were provided with clear and engaging instructions, and then given creative space to interact with the material. Ms. Z shared that "while online learning was not the way I saw this school year ending, it has allowed me as an educator to learn a lot of new skills." Making lemonade from lemons!



STEM: Build an Animal Home (4/27-4/30)

CAN YOU BUILD AN ANIMAL HOME?

You may use any materials around your house or nature to build with, such as LEGOs, blocks, mini cups, paper rolls, linking cubes, craft sticks, pipe cleaners, playdough, or anything else!

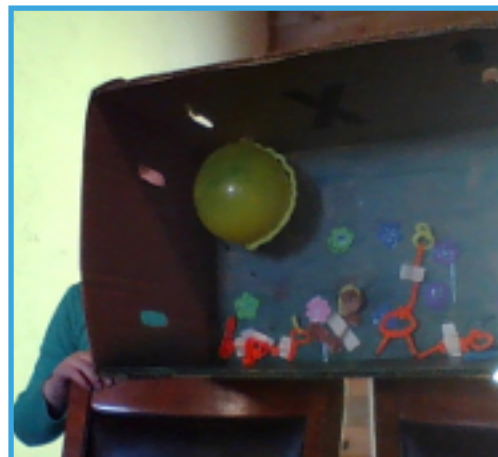
1. Watch the to learn more about animal habitats.
2. Add
3. a blueprint, or plan, of an animal home
4. the material you are building with
5. Build an animal home using any materials
6. Tap and take a picture of your animal home
7. Move the picture to the box.
8. to describe your animal home



Keahilani Lopez, 2nd Grade



Henry Ruppert, 2nd Grade



Myla Cantrell, 2nd Grade



Sumarah Zavaleta, 1st Grade



## STUDENT SHOWCASE



Is there something in the water? Alsea School seems to have more than its fair share of talented student artists! Tenth grader **Rheanna Messin** could regularly be seen sketching and drawing throughout the regular school day; now in quarantine, Rheanna has been turning to her artwork even more in order to de-stress and express herself.

### NATHAN ROBERTS

Both beloved teacher *and* technology wizard is Mr. Roberts. Without his vast store of knowledge, endless hours of work, and patience in assisting all of his colleagues, Alsea School would not be functioning right now!



### SHIRLEY KOETZ & LORA DOWLESS

These two have served our school with strength and grace during an incredibly hectic and stressful time. They have gone far above and beyond their job descriptions as they juggle a massive workload: constant calls, walk-ins & navigating endless requests. They are on the front lines of a chaotic and difficult situation, and the work they have done has been awe-inspiring. Our school & our community owe them a vast debt of gratitude.

### MAY 7TH

**Vesak!** A holiday celebrated by Buddhists and some Hindus, Vesak commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha.

### MAY 10TH

**Mother's Day!** Championed by Anna Jarvis, it was first celebrated in 1908 when she held a memorial for her mother.

### MAY 10TH

**National Clean Your Room Day!** Surely no coincidence that this coincides with Mother's Day...celebrate this one, and it doubles as a gift to your mom!

### MAY 12TH

**National Limerick Day!** There once was a man from Alsea, who was quirky and kind as could be. His name was Marc Thielman, he was the real deal man, and he served that small town generously.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENIOR BANQUET IS STILL ON!

The plan is still to host the senior banquet on Thursday, June 4th. Details to come!

### GRADUATION NEWS!

Graduation will take place on Friday, June 5th at 7pm on Vernon Field. Planning is ongoing in order to work with within state guidelines for social distancing. Stay tuned!