

Fall 2019

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

While the Fifth grade overnight trip to the Cincinnati Zoo is still quite a long time away, the following letter will give you a sense of the trip we plan for May.

We have reserved the dates of May 11-12 for an exciting environmental experience for our students. Audrey Bebensee, Martha Heil, and I have planned a trip that we hope will be educational and fun for all.

Every year we look for special opportunities to enhance our curriculum and to offer students avenues to see the world around them. The Cincinnati Zoo has become the destination for the overnight trip for Fifth grade, and last year we expanded the trip, participated in a special activity, and took advantage of the large outdoor tents that the zoo offers as sleeping accommodations, which they call "Twiga" (the Swahili word for giraffe). The Cincinnati Zoo's educational goals are to foster a sense of wonder, share knowledge, and advocate active involvement with wildlife and wild places.

The Cincinnati Zoo lists the following as elements of the trip:

- An experiential program that will transport you to Africa through unique opportunities only available for Twiga overnights
- Special encounters with African zoo animals
- A special behind-the-scenes peek with one of our Africa exhibit residents
- A provided bonfire snack and continental catered breakfast
- A bonding experience with your friends and family you will never forget!

We will leave Sayre on Monday, May 11 and will return on Tuesday, May 12 in time for dismissal. Ms. Bebensee, Ms. Heil, Ashley McGraw and one other chaperone will accompany the group and we invite parents to attend.

Our tentative itinerary will be to attend school on May 11 until 10:30, then board two Sprinters or a bus to go to Dewey's Pizza at 1 Levee Way in Newport, KY. Dewey's will have a yummy lunch of pizzas and salads as well as a private room for our group. After lunch we will go to the Newport Aquarium. After the Aquarium we will go to the Zoo where they will welcome us for a special event. We have reserved the large tents and will sleep near the giraffe enclosure. On Tuesday we will wake, tour the zoo, and have

lunch in small groups. Please send money for lunch! We will return to school in time for Tuesday dismissal.

We are anxiously awaiting this Fifth grade trip to the Newport Aquarium and Cincinnati Zoo on May 11 and 12; we believe it will be an enriching opportunity and will provide a host of cherished memories for our Fifth graders. If you have any questions or concerns, please Audrey Bebensee, Martha Heil, or Kristin Seymour (859.254.1361, ext. 240).

Sincerely,

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