

Dear 5th grade parents,

Happy March! The fifth graders are wrapping up two different learning opportunities in Reading and Writing Workshop about the 6th Mass Extinction. Students were introduced to the 6th Mass Extinction in Science and through various guest experts ranging from a solar panel specialists to a Field Museum Curator overseeing the bird division. The first project is a Design Thinking Challenge in which students went through the process of empathizing, identifying a need, and prototyping a solution. They will pitch their solution on Monday in front of a small Shark Tank style panel of teachers and administrators.

Simultaneously, students are putting the finishing touches on an informational writing piece about one aspect of the 6th Mass Extinction. Using the workshop model in class, students have been taught and practiced writing introductions and conclusions, crafting cohesive subheadings and revising to create a final written piece.

Please ask your child about both of these projects. We look forward to parent-student-teacher conferences where students will have the opportunity to share highlights of their learning.

Warm Regards,



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