January 9, 2010

Dear Families,

 We have started our Polar Unit in Third Grade at Jefferson. Today your child chose a polar animal that he/she will be researching at school. All third graders will use the information they discover to complete a fun and informative two-part project.

The two parts to this project include:

1. **IN SCHOOL** – Each student will prepare a presentation to share

his/her animal with the class. This will be a **PowerPoint Presentation**. The presentation will include the animal’s description, habitat, diet, adaptations to its environment, as well as additional interesting facts they find through their research.

1. **AT HOME** – Students may choose to **create a poster or diorama**

about their polar animal. A diorama is a small model of a real-life scene that has lifelike details and a realistic background. This poster or diorama must show the animal in the habitat in which it lives. Students may choose to add additional researched information about their polar animals in their project. When creating a poster or diorama, be creative! Feel free to use any craft materials such as cardboard, paper, boxes, string, crayons, paint, glue, pipe cleaners, etc.

The poster or diorama, to be completed at home, must be sent in to school by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**. Students will be presenting their project to their classmates. On the back of this letter is a rubric that will be used to assess your child’s project. After the presentation, you will receive a copy of his/her rubric score.

We hope that this at-home project gives the kids a chance to be artistic, creative, and have some fun!

 Sincerely,

 The Third Grade Team