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**December** 

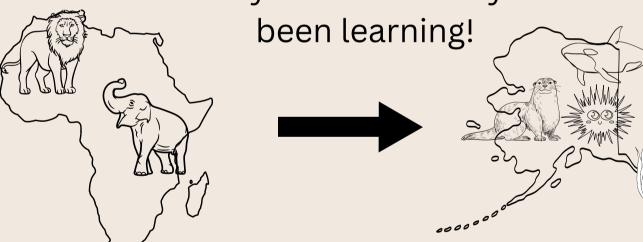
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### Classroom Newsletter



# BIOLOGY

Whoo! Half way through the year and I wanted to let you know what your kids have



From Africa to the Pacific Northwest Coastline, we have looked in depth to various species. We started tracking lion prides through DNA, and examining relations between the prides based on DNA and location and human Impact on elephant populations. Then we hopped across the world to the Pacific Northwest Coastline, examining kelp, sea urchins, sea otters and how carbon dioxide (CO2) levels have been impacting this food chain and other marine life. We have been discussing photosynthesis, cellular respiration, the carbon cycle, and finishing the term with cellular

diffusion

End of term III at Christmas Break. So, your students are working hard to the end of the semester.

#### Some things to help your child to be successful:

- 1. A good night's sleep
- Check Infinite Campus for late or missing homework
- Encourage tutoring with me: Monday/Wednesday
- 4. Discuss Biology with them
- 5. Reach out to me with any questions or concerns

## **Biology News**

As the waters off of the Alaskan Coastline are being affected by a warming ocean, increasing acidification, and rising seas; scientists are working with partners to understand and respond to changes that are affecting the environment.

Learn more: www. fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska

Simple Way to Learn Biology, Ask them to explain what they have been learning