Dear Families,

There was a lot of information contained in today’s video. Here are some key points to help you discuss the Sonoran desert habitat with your child.

* The desert habitat is hot and dry. There is very little rain.
* Because it is so hot and dry, only certain types of plants and animals can live there.
* Some plants can save and store water inside their plant parts to use during those times when it is very dry and does not rain.
* Animals are adapted to live in the desert by making shelters underground, coming out in the early morning or evening, and being able to camouflage (blend in with surroundings).

After watching and talking about the video, your child should be able to answer the following questions:

1. Describe the weather and temperature of the Sonoran Desert.

2. Do many plants and animals live in the desert? Why not?

3. How are the Arctic and the Sonoran Desert different? How are they the same?

4. How do animals find shelter in the desert?

5. How is the saguaro cactus adapted to live in the desert?

6. How are animals in the desert adapted to living there?