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Hello everyone. Hump day is almost over and we're on the downward slide to the weekend.

Day 27 of required instruction—11 more days and counting—well 10 ½ if you want to get technical—May 28 is only a ½ day for students! I appreciate how hard you are working—keep it up. It will pay off. Parents—thank you for your continued support of your child's academic growth. You're doing a great job.

Day 36 for CN— 1768 breakfast and 1768 lunch meals were prepared and delivered. Thank you, thank you—you're the best!!

Are you ready for the answer to yesterday's riddle (Which one is not white—the White House, white sugar, polar bears or snow?) Yes—it is the polar bear!! I was testing your memory on our study of the polar bear—their fur is actually transparent. Very good job!!

Today's riddle. Four fingers and a thumb, yet flesh and blood, I have none. What am I? We'll find out the answer tomorrow!!

More about our kangaroo friends. Kangaroos can hop around quickly on two legs or walk around slowly on all four but they can't walk backwards. Kangaroos move their hind legs together and are the only large animal to use hopping as their primary method of movement—they hop because they can't move their legs independently on land. The tails of kangaroos act like a third leg. They use their tail for balance but they also push off the ground with their tail followed by jumping with their legs. Hopping is fast and energy efficient—they can hop at speeds of over 35 mph! The red kangaroo, the largest of the four species, can jump 25 feet in a single leap and jump 6 feet high. While humans are thought to be the only species to have a dominate hand, so do kangaroos—most of them are left-handed. More tomorrow!!

Benefit #7 of 15 reasons why we should read every day—It gives us stronger analytical thinking skills. What am I talking about? Analytical skills are also called problem-solving skills—it's the ability to collect, gather, visualize and analyze information in detail. Analytical skills are not taught in school, but this skill hugely affects your success in the real world. The best way to do this is: Pick a book you like and read every night!!

When it's bedtime, cuddle up and read before turning off the lights. Sleep well everyone and . . . yes—I will be back!!