



# 3rd Grade News

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## River Ridge Elementary School

Mrs. Schafer's 3rd Grade

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### Academics

#### Language Arts:

This week we read Chris VanAllsburg's "Two Bad Ants" and we worked on the reading strategy of drawing conclusions. In language we have been working on pronouns. Next week in reading our story will be a nonfiction passage entitled "Do Animals Think?", and we will again work on making inferences. Next week our spelling words are all homophones. Pretest will be on Monday and posttest will be on Friday.

#### Math:

We continue to work in Unit 9. This week we worked on finding factors and sharing money. Next week we will be introduced to the lattice multiplication algorithm.

#### Science:

We had a great time and learned so much on our field-trip on Wednesday to the Heitkamp Planetarium at Loras College. This week we also completed a KWL chart on this topic, sharing what we already "K"now, and what we "W"ant to know. At the end of the unit we will complete the "L" section, what we "L"earned. Next week directions will be coming home for our solar system diorama assignments.

### Calendar

April 30: MS Play 7 p.m.

May 11: Volunteer Reception, PTO meeting

May 13: Field Trip to Madison Zoo

May 17: School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

May 25: Track & Field Day

May 26: Last Day of School, Elementary Awards 8:05 am.

May 26: 8th Grade Promotion

### Spelling Words

ate meet eighth one so  
won meat sew to ant too do  
aunt two due

*Challenge Words: brain social  
communicate solve subject*

### Book Reports

**Our final goal of 400 pages for the 4th quarter, and 1,600 pages for the year, will be due on May 14th in order to prepare for Awards Day.**

### Reminders & Announcements

Congrats to our Jump Start Student of the Week for the goal "Showing Compassion": Mary Frances Tracey  
*All library books will be due on May 14th!*

A note is included in the Friday Folders today about our May 13th school field trip to the Madison Zoo. Per Mr. Scarano, we are not able to take parent chaperones along on this trip. Please return the bottom portion of this note to indicate if your child will be bringing a lunch from home that day, or purchasing a sack lunch from school at the regular lunch price. Thanks to the PTO for purchasing class field trip t-shirts!

*We had a wonderful time at our fieldtrip on Wednesday. Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Purchis, and I were very proud of the third graders as we listened to the presentation at the Heitkamp Planetarium and as we toured the DuBuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. At both locations, our students were complimented on their excellent behavior! The weather even cooperated to make our day beautiful!*