



# River Ridge Elementary School

Mrs. Schafer's 3rd Grade

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## 3rd Grade News

### Academics

#### Language Arts:

This week and next week we are reading a chapter from Charlotte's Web entitled "Wilbur's Boast". We are working on the strategy of drawing conclusions. In language we are working on adjectives. Next week our spelling words are words from social studies. Pretest will be on Monday and posttest will be on Friday. Next week we will also be taking end-of-unit tests in reading, vocabulary, spelling, and language. **Please note: Due to our Zoo trip being moved to Friday, we will have our final spelling test for this week on Monday, 5-17.**

#### Math:

This week we took our test over Unit 9. The third graders did an absolutely wonderful job! Please help your child review math facts over the summer to be sure they don't lose this important understanding. Next week we will begin Unit 10, Measurement, focusing on the most important concepts as we are running out of time in third grade!

#### Science:

This week we continued to explore the solar system. Each student has been assigned a planet which they are doing research on. In addition, each student is responsible for the at-home project of creating a solar system model, which is due on May 21st. As part of the model, students should include the names of each planet and one fact about each planet. We have had some exceptional dioramas and mobiles coming in to school this week! Also, we will be having a quiz over the solar system on Wed., 5-19. Study guide will be sent home Monday.

### Calendar

May 17: School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

May 25: Track & Field Day (please see note regarding lunch for that day in Friday Folder)

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

May 26: 8th Grade Promotion

August 19: First Day of School!

### Spelling Words

coast valley port outdoors  
wildlife harmed safe bay island  
country gulf migrate forests  
continent mainland

Challenge Words: crates loops  
rescuers starve strip

### Book Reports

Your child has read \_\_\_\_\_ pages toward the fourth quarter goal of 400 pages. This goal is due on May 21st.

### Reminders & Announcements

Congratulations to our Jump Start Students of the Week for the goal "Improving Our World": Both third grade classes for raising money to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

**Please note: River Ridge is hosting the boy's sectional track meet on Thursday, May 20th. We will be loading the buses at the main entrance that day. If you are planning to pick your child up after school that day, please meet your student at the main entrance. Thanks!**

*River Ridge Elementary Yearbooks are still available. They are full-color and the cost is \$20. Checks can be made payable to River Ridge School. If you have any questions or would like an order form, let me know.*

**Don't forget—Zoo Trip Tomorrow!! We are looking forward to a beautiful day, with lots of learning and lots of fun!! Please do not forget to send your child's cold lunch, and dress your child in layers along with good walking shoes. We will be putting out t-shirts on when we get to school.**

*Ms. Rijpma has offered to store our recorders over the summer so they are not lost/broken for 4th grade.*

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