

# 3VT

april 21

## Field Trip to VanAndel Museum

- We are set to go to the museum on April 25, which is this Friday. We will be eating lunch at school and leaving afterward. We will not need to pack anything special in terms of snack/lunch since we will only be gone in the afternoon. If your child has a WSCS shirt could they please wear it? The bus will be leaving school at 12:30—if you are planning on coming with us, please be in our classroom by 12:25.

## ELA

- In the last week we have been immersing ourselves in poetry. In addition to “children’s” poets like Shel Silverstein we’ve been reading poems by some famous American poets—Robert Frost, ee cummings, Langston Hughes, Carl Sandburg and the like. Reading these poems has helped us learn how to talk about poetry. We’ve asked and answered questions like: What is mood? What is voice? What is the poet try to teach us or to convey? It’s great fun and the kids regularly knock my socks off with their profound understanding.
- This week we are learning poetic devices— alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphor, simile, personification, and rhyme.
- We will continue reading and writing poetry throughout the month of April.
- We will also begin reading some folk tales and fables and doing some work on comprehending these genre. This week we will begin by learning about “morals” in stories.

## Upcoming Events

- 4/21-4/25 Christian Education Week
- 4/24-Pastor’s Day, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade chapel
- 4/25-Field Trip to VanAndel Museum
- 4/26-Auction
- 4/28-5/2 Fine Arts Week
- 5/15-Grandparents Day, Team Event

## Social Studies

- We are starting our last social studies unit of the school year, which is all about communities. It ties up all of the units that we’ve studied this year—pioneers, Native Americans, Michigan, and (we’ll be getting to this next week) Grand Rapids.

## Math

- This week and next we are going to be doing some more work with multiplication and division. If your child is solid in his or her multiplication facts, they will be working on longer (two, three, and four digit) multiplication problems, and some new strategies for approaching these problems. If your child is struggling with retaining multiplication facts, he or she will do some review work of these. Some of these strategies may look brand new (or even downright crazy!) to you, have your child try to explain them at home.

## Bible

- This week’s Bible lessons are:
  - Miriam’s Death/Waters of Meribah
  - Edom/Aaron’s Death
  - The Bronze Snake
  - The Journey to Canaan
  - Balak and Balaan

## Auction

- Thank you for all of your donations for our class auction basket. Remember that the auction is this Saturday, April 26.