

BVT

Upcoming Events...

- 11/20 Mrs. Van Til at a conference, Mrs. VanderVennen will sub
- 11/21 8th grade play sneak preview/
Team Event
- 11/22 Bill Vits Concert
- 11/27 Animal dioramas due

•English Language Arts

- Once again this week, we'll be setting individualized reading goals. It is so fun to watch the kids take ownership and pride in their own learning as they write these goals!
- We are reading the story City Green from our reading books.
- We will be reading poetry and recording our poems as we work on fluency—this was a project we started a couple of weeks ago and took a break from in order to do some writing. I'm looking forward to having the kids listen to their own reading and do some reflecting on what they do well, what they can work on.

•Math

- It's a big week in third grade, as we're starting multiplication. We start slowly!
☺ This week we will be learning about key words in multiplication and answering the question "What is multiplication?" We'll use repeated addition, grouping, and arrays to learn this! Next week we will begin learning our "times tables."
- See me my email to sign up to be a weekly Rocket Math grader—I'm still working on managing this one and getting into the groove in terms of both grading this and fitting into our daily school schedule.

•Science

- Our life science unit is a lot of fun. Last week we learned about life cycles and the key words that are part of the life cycle of every living thing—birth, growth, development, reproduction, and death.
- This week we'll be scientists as we study fossils and learn about the different characteristics that help animals survive—Why do animals have certain physical characteristics? Why do some animals live in groups while others live alone?

•Bible

- This week we will be wrapping up our current Bible unit. A study guide will go home on Tuesday or Wednesday. We will study together at school, but you should go over the review sheet with your child at home at least once.
- Our Bible memory verse, Genesis 17:7-9 will be part of the Bible test. We will not be studying the Bible memory at school. It will be fill in the blank.

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.”

Genesis 17:7-9

A note went home last week about our 2013 Thanksgiving Project. We are collecting items to put in “chemotherapy” packs for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer. The third graders are in charge of bringing small, unscented containers of hand sanitizer. If you are a coupon clipper, there was a coupon for 1.00 off of 4 containers of Purel sanitizer in last week's Grand Rapids Press— it is good for the small, “travel” sizes too.



Thank you for attending *parent teacher conferences* last week! While it was a “big week” for me simply in terms of time at school, I was overwhelmed by the blessing of being able to discuss your children with you, as we strive together to make them servants and followers of Jesus Christ. What a gift this is!