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Our new math curriculum is requiring MUCH more copy paper than we realized we would need. Please donate additional reams of copy paper if you are able to do so. This will be much appreciated!

# SUPPLY NEEDS:

I am looking forward to the Family Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. My Teacher Treasure auction item will be a day at Denver Zoo with Ms. Mathews. This item will be available to 12 bidders! The lucky winners will see several shows at the zoo with Ms. Mathews and receive a photo collage of Ms. Mathews’s photography from the zoo trip, as well as stretched penny souvenirs from the zoo, and an album to keep them in. This year, proceeds from this fundraiser benefit our classroom directly. Students may attend the zoo in a group, in pairs, or as individuals, still to be determined. Parents must provide transportation to and from the zoo, on a day over spring break or in early June. Look for the letter about how to bid on Feb. 4 or 5.

Upcoming field trips for third grade:

Three exciting field trips have been scheduled for this spring.

Tue. Feb. 16 Ms. Mathews’s class to the Steele Planetarium (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on Wed. Feb. 17).

Friday, May 6: All third graders to Majestic View Nature Center to study life cycles and ecosystems.

May 18 Ms. Mathews’s class to Genessee Park (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on May 25).

**Writing:**  Students have been reading non-fiction articles, taking notes, and writing summaries.

**Reading/Skills:** Students have been reading non-fiction resources about frogs. Students are working on close reading, which means reading a text multiple times for different purposes. Students are answering questions based on the text.

**Math:** Students are starting to work on geometry, specifically finding areas of rectangles.

**Social Studies:** The students have completed studies of all regions of the United States except for the West. We will study the West and review the other regions in the spring.

**Science:** We have just started our Objects in the Sky science unit, and we will be studying the moon, constellations, planets and sun. The third grade music performance will be about Objects in the Sky. This performance will occur on Wed. Feb. 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Please come!

Websites:

Please encourage your student to use Spellingcity.com every week! Lists with assignments are available from Saturday until the following Sunday. Students may take a spelling test (Spelling Test Me) on the website and know their results immediately. Please also encourage your student to use typing.com every week. It is very important students practice keyboarding with all 8 fingers on the keyboard, as often as possible, so this skill becomes more natural.

# What We’ve Been Busy Doing:

# Fundraising:

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