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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. There will be two ways to bid.

# Fundraising:

These websites may be helpful for parents looking for math vocabulary:

engageny.org parent section

<https://learnzillion.com/> create an account

# Math Websites:

# Classroom News:

Thank you so much for all the lovely holiday cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!

Your Student’s Birthday:

This is a reminder that your student’s birthday will be acknowledged in class with a certificate card, sticker, and pencil. Summer birthdays will be recognized at the end of the school year in the same way.

Those who wish to send birthday treats, please consider the health and ability to focus of children when choosing treats. Treats may be sent only for lunchtime distribution in the lunchroom. Cookies or bags of treats such as Pirate’s Booty popcorn are much less difficult to distribute and have more benefits than cupcakes, which can be very messy and seem to cause problems between students. Please also consider the healthy and educational alternative I suggested at the beginning of the year—donating a copy of your child’s favorite book to Edison, inscribed with his or her name and birth date. You can specify if this is meant for the library, the classroom, or a newer teacher’s classroom.

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 Genesee Park (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on May 25).

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