



# Third Grade Times

Superior Elementary

Friday, September 30, 2011



## A Big Thank You!

Thank you so much for coming to conferences! It was great to be able to discuss the achievements your students have accomplished so far along with their goals for their third grade year.

If your student hasn't completed their goals please have them narrow those down and turn them in asap.

## Book Project

Just checking in to make sure your students are working on their book projects!

-Your students should finish reading their books by October 7, 2011.

-The book project is due by October 13, 2011.

Please let your teacher know if you need another packet for this assignment.

## Third Grade Authors

We have embarked on the process of becoming authors! We are reviewing the steps of the writing process while we create our "snapshot" stories! Third graders have learned that a snapshot story is a small event in time that is described in detail. Students have had the opportunity to write independently, work with their peers, and meet with their teachers to create a final product of a snapshot story.

## Math Explorations

In math we have launched into data analysis and graphing. Students are making their own survey questions to collect data from their peers. They are using this data to produce graphs of various types.

## Science

Our first science unit is Geology and Fossils. We have explored the rock cycle and three types of rocks. In the weeks to come we will be "digging" into the world of fossils.



## Field Trip Volunteer Information

On Friday October 28, 2011 we will be going on our first field trip to the Museum of Nature and Science! We would love to have some volunteers join us on our trip. If you are interested in volunteering please contact your classroom teacher. Due to lack of space, not all parents will be able to ride on the bus. If you are willing to drive and meet us at the museum, please let us know.

If you are interested in volunteering on this field trip, please make sure you have completed the online background screening that is required by BVSD this year. **Volunteers are not allowed to join us until this screening has been completed and the office has been informed of your approval.**

If you have not completed this process, please follow the link below.

[www.tcllogiq.com/bvsdv](http://www.tcllogiq.com/bvsdv)

## Important Dates:

10/14: NO SCHOOL – Professional Development

10/28: Field Trip to the Nature and Science Museum

## Reading

We have started our third grade reading groups! We are all in some great chapter books and practicing our reading strategies. Some strategies we are focusing on are making connections, summarizing, and finding the main idea.



## Many Thanks...

For your support with homework. Just a reminder that each night (Monday-Thursday) students are responsible for the nightly homework, stumpers (DRL or Math), and 30 minutes of reading. Please sign the planner each night as they complete their homework.