

# Mrs. Heikel's Third Grade

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## Classroom Highlights

### Dates to Remember

10/30 *Fun Run*

*Four Winds*

11/06 *H1N1 Flu Clinic*



### Weekly Specials

Monday: P. E.

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: P.E.

Thursday: French;  
Health and Wellness; Art

Friday: Music

### Contact Information

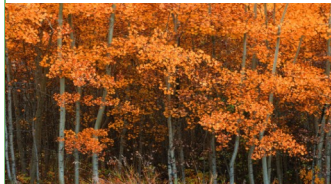
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Despite Mrs. Dow being ill, we all had a wonderful learning time as we explored the woods at Maple St. Park on our field trip. I guided the two classes and we had many parents and grandparents with us. It was exciting to see the kids' eagerness to share all they had learned during this unit and to see it in the real world. We identified trees, talked about the habitat and parts of the forest, saw trees breaking back down

into soil, and saw several animals that live in this environment. Thanks to all who came with us.



Our first unit of study in Social Studies is on maps. We have been exploring many different kinds of maps, both printed and on the computer. Learning how maps communicate information has been part of our discussions. We



have learned to make and use both a compass rose and a key / legend. We are beginning to know how a grid on a map works. I notice that the kids are now using the U.S. maps in the classroom and are putting all the states in place.



### This and That

We are working hard to review and learn the strategies to use in solving addition and subtraction problems. The class has been writing their own problems. Fact fluency is slowly growing and helps with all aspects of math. Please con-

tinue helping your child practice their facts.

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This class loves to read and write and to share with each other what they are thinking.

After writing four or five

short pieces from our "heart map", we are getting ready to choose one to develop as a published piece. The class loves to tell their own stories to each other, which is wonderful practice for good writing. I write with them and share as well.