

The Third Grade Bergstrom Buzz

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Upcoming events:

- *Parent –Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 23rd from 1-8PM and Tuesday, November 24th from 8AM-3PM.*



Map Websites:

[National Geographic](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

[Map Games:](http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/toolsforadventure/games/index.html)

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[Map Zone:](http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/games.html)

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Field Trip Through the Forest

Despite a last minute illness of our tour guide, we walked to Maple Street Park for a final lesson and celebration of our learning in the Plants on the Grow Unit. On Monday, October 19th, Mrs. Heikel led us through the park's trails and pointed out many interesting characteristics of the trees.

We explored everything from a rotting log, to trees at different stages of the lifecycle, to a salamander and a snake. It was very exciting!

Ask your child some of the essential questions about trees:

- **How do the characteristics (parts) of a tree help it to survive?**
- **How does a tree change throughout its lifecycle?**
- **Could we live without trees? Explain your thinking.**

We have now begun our next unit which is a social studies unit on maps. We'll be learning how



maps communicate different information, how to use a compass rose, and how symbols are used on maps. We are already enjoying our exploration of world, national, state, and town maps.

New Thursday Rotation

On Thursday, October 29th, our class started a new Special Thursday rotation. For the next six weeks, on Thursday mornings, our class has 45 minutes of Guidance Class with Ms. Wageman and then 45 minutes of Informational Literacy with Mrs. Duggan in the Learning

Center.

Ms. Wageman will be working on social and emotional skills with the students. Please visit the "Guidance" section of the Summit Street website for more information about her program.

Mrs. Duggan is helping

kids to be able to tell the difference between different genres of text as well as where to locate specific information in the library. I can tell that the students love their time in the Learning Center and are definitely participating in an active literate community!