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Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for seeing me at Parent-Teacher Conferences! It was so good to touch base with all of you. As always, please feel free to contact me with any of your joys or concerns at any time. This need not be just at the appointed Parent-Teacher Conference time of the year.

The Severson Field trip was a great success! I really relished being out of doors and in a non-traditional learning environment with your children. The children seemed to learn a great deal and had an enjoyable time doing it. Thank you again to the parents who chaperoned the field trip! You can go to Severson and enjoy a beautiful day in the forest preserve as a family!! (8786 Montague Road, Rockford, Il.) Severson has three different habitats, a tall grass prairie, wetlands and forest. It is free to the public and a great place to take a picnic. The Severson staff has a lot of free programs on the weekends as well. You can find out their events on the website <http://www.seversondells.com/>

During conferences, I had several questions about the homework packets. I send home a letter every Friday with the news of the week and future events. Attached to the letter is a homework packet. The packet is due the following Thursday. So you have almost a week to complete the work on your timeline. It seems we all are crazy busy, so my goal is to let you complete it on your schedule. We grade the homework packet (which includes teaching moments when necessary) together on Thursday or Friday as time permits. Each child grades their own homework to help him/her understand where he/she understood concepts or may be rocky on a concept.

In reading we are going to start guided reading groups on Monday. We are working on the concepts of main idea and story structure (character, setting, and plot). In math we continue working on the multiplication and division using repeated addition and math number bond.

There are quite a few good videos on YouTube that can help your child multiplication and division. When in YouTube search multiplication and division single digit, third grade multiplication and division, or basic division. Math Antics and Kahn Academy make some of the best videos I have seen.

Have a great weekend!
Thank You, Betsy Burgoyne