

Welcome to 3rd Grade! Meet the 3rd Grade Team



Miss Benson

Hello, my name is Ms. Benson and I will be teaching one of the third-grade classes this year. This is my first time teaching third grade. I received my teaching credentials through Grand Valley State University's Graduate Teacher Certification program in 2018. I graduated from Western Michigan University with a major in creative writing and Spanish in 2010. In my free time I enjoy playing board games with friends, reading, and playing computer games. I'm so excited to teach third grade and look forward to a great year!



Mrs. Gould

This coming school year will mark my 22nd year at Knapp. I enjoy my job for so many reasons. I work with an amazing group of people, have the freedom to be creative and flexible in my classroom, and enjoy the challenge of finding success for every student. Most of all, it is a pleasure to get to know our amazing Knapp families.

I graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education with minors in elementary education, Spanish, and science. I have since completed my masters, also in elementary education. Except for when attending college, I have lived in the Grand Rapids area my whole life. I enjoy reading, movies, crocheting, family history, and gardening. I am looking forward to another great year!



Ms. Jachim

I am a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor in Science, majoring in Biology and minoring in Organic Chemistry. I also have my Masters in Education as well. Previous to being a teacher, I worked as a Veterinary Technician for 6 years. I love sports! I am a huge fan of the Detroit Red Wings and Michigan State Spartans. I am an avid runner, play soccer, and fly fish. I love being outdoors with my family and friends. I started teaching at Knapp Charter in August of 2004, and have always taught third grade. Third is the perfect grade for me to teach because I love to act out lessons, get into characters, and build excitement towards learning. I believe every day should be full of fun and learning. Our classroom runs on an economy system meaning that students will receive weekly jobs and paychecks. There will also be many opportunities for them to earn extra cash by working "overtime." Their hard earned cash is used for buying supplies such as pencils, erasers, and folders from our classroom store. At the end of each trimester, they will be able to use all the money in their bank account to buy cool prizes and a "Lunch with the Teacher" during Auction. It is my hope to inspire in them a love of school just as I had when I was in third grade. I can't wait to meet your child and in the meantime feel free to check out our classroom website at <http://mrsjachim.wix.com/Jachim>. See you in the fall!

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3rd Grade "Highlights"

Third grade is full of fun! We read wonderful stories from our Reading Street program. We read both fiction and nonfiction texts so we are entertained and learn many new things along the way. Our math program is called Math Expressions. It will focus on multiplication, data and graphing, fractions, geometry, addition and subtraction, and problem solving. In science we will be learning about motion and forces, weather, animal adaptations and survival, fossils, and plants. Our focus for social studies is Michigan, its history, economics, and government. We do go on field trips in third grade. We visit the IMAX for a 3D movie, Saul Lake Bog, the Recycle Center, and the Blandford Nature Center. We also try to have guest speakers throughout the year.

Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences and learn from each other's strengths.

A Standard of Excellence

The Third Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level. We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and weaknesses as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

- Headphones or Earbuds (Headphones Hold Up the Best)
- 1 Pack of Each-Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- 2 Pairs of Scissors
- 1 Pack of Glue Sticks
- 1 Ream of Copy Paper
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Green, 1 Red, 1 Blue, and 1 Orange Two Pocket Folder
- 2 Two Pocket Folders – your choice. One will be used for classroom and one will be used for Spanish.

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