

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



Miss Benson

Hello, my name is Ms. Benson and I started here at Knapp in 2018. 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 23rd 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 all things 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.

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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

2 Pairs of Scissors

3 Pack of Glue Sticks

1 Ream of Copy Paper – white or colored

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Pencil Pouch

1 Highlighter

1 Green, 1 Red, and 1 Blue Two Pocket Folders

2 Two Pocket Folders – your choice.

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Welcome to 4th Grade! Meet the 4th Grade Team



Mrs. Austin

Hello fourth graders! I am so excited for year 3 at Knapp! Before working at Knapp, I spent a year working as a full-time resource room teacher in Byron Center. I graduated from Calvin College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education, and I am currently working on my Master's degree. Although neither my husband, Grant, nor I are originally from Michigan, we absolutely love exploring this beautiful state. In my spare time I enjoy camping, reading, cooking, and spending time outside with friends and family- especially at lakes! I also enjoy being active and have both coached and played various sports throughout my life. I am really looking forward to meeting you and your families in August!



Miss Budde

Hello fourth grade students and families! This is my second year at Knapp, and I love being a part of this wonderful community! I am a graduate of Hope College with a degree in K-8 Mathematics Education. I spent 4 years as a paraprofessional and a long-term substitute in various school districts around West Michigan before coming to Knapp last year. I have lived in the West Michigan area my whole life, and I love the area! In my spare time, I am an avid reader, especially with a hot cup of coffee or tea. I also love participating in outdoor activities like beach-going, boating, running, and skiing. I look forward to meeting you all in August and starting this journey together!



Miss Lehan

This will be my nineteenth year at Knapp, and I've taught fourth grade for all but one of those years! I feel so lucky to work at such an excellent school, with outstanding teachers, staff, and students. I'm a graduate of the University of Michigan (Bachelor's degree) and Western Michigan University (Master's degree). I have been blessed with a wonderful family- amazing parents, four sisters, two brothers, and lots of nieces and nephews! I spend most of my free time with my family and friends. I love traveling, going to the movies, cooking, reading, shopping, going for walks, and spending time at the lake as much as possible in the summer! I'm looking forward to meeting you and your families!

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4th Grade "Highlights"

We have a lot of fun in fourth grade! The main highlight is our trip to Camp Manitou-Lin in the spring. We go canoeing, rock wall climbing, do archery, crafts, and other fun games and activities. It's something that the students and the teachers look forward to all year long! Another highlight is our day trip to Lansing, visiting the Impression 5 Science Center, the Michigan Historical Museum, and the Capitol Building.

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A Standard of Excellence

The Fourth 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:

4 boxes of Kleenex	1 box of sharpened pencils
1 package of lined paper (wide rule)	A reusable water bottle
5 folders: 1 red, blue, green, yellow, orange	A pencil pouch- no boxes, please
Spanish Supplies: Grades 1-8 need a two-pocket folder	1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
an extra pair of shoes to keep at school for PE class	

We will label the folders by subject during the first week. If you have trouble finding a particular color folder, we will have a couple of extras of each color available.

It is preferred but not required for your child to also have the following:
coloring utensils, scissors, glue sticks

Donations of the following items at the beginning of the school year or throughout the school year are always appreciated: hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, latex free band aids and paper towel

All fourth graders are expected to know their multiplication facts (1-12). This is something you should be working on over the summer, until they have mastered them. Thank you for your help in this.

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Welcome to 5th Grade! Meet the 5th Grade Team



Mrs. Bobeldyk

Welcome fifth graders! It's going to be a great year! This will be my eighth year teaching at Knapp. I graduated from Calvin College in August 2010 after being a stay-at-home mom for 11 years. My husband and I live in Jenison with our three children. When we are not running around to different sporting events or playing sports, our family enjoys going to the beach, taking walks, bike rides, dinners out, and watching movies. In my free time, I enjoy reading, exercising, spending time with friends, shopping, and just being a mom! I am excited to spend the next school year with you!



Mrs. Huntley

Welcome to 5th grade! I can't wait to have you in my class this year! I graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2012 where I studied math and elementary education. My husband, two-year-old daughter (Brielle), and pup (Gemma) live in Grand Rapids. Miss Brielle keeps us busy and we love it! When I'm not at school I enjoy family time, biking, reading, cooking, watching the Red Wings, and spending time up north. This will be my sixth year at Knapp and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach at such an amazing school. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!



Mrs. Vanden Ende

Hello fifth graders! I am so excited to spend my fourth year of teaching with you! I am originally from California, but have called Grand Rapids my home for about eight years now. Calvin College is where I spent four of those years and graduated in 2015 after studying Elementary Education. Outside of school I enjoy camping, hiking, running, DIY projects and watersports! I am looking forward to an exciting and memorable year with you all!

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5th Grade "Highlights"

We have really interactive classroom management tools in place. The students will participate in two management "games": Survivor and Amazing Race. These are incentive based programs that are dependent upon the students' classroom behavior and ability to follow procedures.

In 5th grade, we complete a research project about a Revolutionary War figure. We then create a speech to become that person at our annual Wax Theater! It is always a huge hit with both parents and students! Wax Theater serves as a fundraiser for our end of the year field trip to Michigan Adventure!

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A Standard of Excellence

The Fifth 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 best practices as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

Your child should bring:

- 5 one-subject notebooks
- Pencils and erasers
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- 5 glue sticks
- Small pencil pouch/holder
- 6 folders (1 durable for homework)
- Two boxes of tissue
- Hand held pencil sharpener with cover for shavings
- 1 Package Loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- 1 Package 3x5 index cards
- 1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Pair of tennis shoes for PE

Classroom Donations (optional):

- Plastic utensils (forks, spoons, knives)
- Paper plates
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towel
- Expo Black Dry Erase Markers

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