 April 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

On **Monday, May 16th**, two third grade classes will be attending a field trip to the St. John’s Arboretum. At the Arboretum, we will be exploring the basic needs of animals and how those needs are met in habitats such as the prairie, wetlands, forest, and oak savanna. Field activities will include: *Animal Charades, Prairie Insect Collection, Wetland Dipping, Camo Critters and Partner Thicket, and Forest Exploration.*

We will be leaving school at 11:00 and returning before the buses leave at 2:45. Since we will be on the road during our lunch hour, we will be having an early lunch in our classrooms at 10:30.

Since it is a trip in the “great outdoors”, **please send your child in long pants, socks, and tennis shoes (a cap and even long sleeves might be a good idea as well)**. Your child is also allowed to bring sunscreen and bug spray. Please return this permission form to your teacher no later than **Friday, May 6th**.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Staff

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(child’s name) has my permission to make the trip to St. John’s Arboretum on **Monday, May 16th**, with the Paynesville Area Elementary School.

I understand that transportation is by bus and that the cost of the transportation is to be financed by the school in conjunction with St. John’s.

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