

# TREMENDOUS THIRD GRADE



## Teacher Spotlight Mechelle Hill

I began my journey at West as a student teacher. I have now taught at West for 9 years. I am the mom to a 5th grader, 2nd grader, and a 3 year old. My husband is in the Texas Air National Guard currently serving his 6th tour in Afghanistan. I have 2 lazy basset hounds named Roscoe and Charlie. I love to spend time with my family, scrapbook, watch baseball games, travel, and go camping. I am passionate about teaching because I know I can truly make a difference in a child's life.

## KEYBOARDING

For the past six weeks, all third graders have been receiving Keyboarding (typing) instruction. They have learned many skills such as how to sit correctly when using a computer, proper hand placement on the keyboard, as well as typing letters, words, and paragraphs. These skills will help the students with their speed and accuracy when using a computer. Your child can continue to practice Keyboarding by typing their spelling words or sentences on your home computer.

## FALL PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

As you may know, teachers at West get together at this time of year to discuss each student's progress with parents. This is an opportunity to alert parents to possible problems, and to address what strategies the teacher is using to help the child to achieve success in third grade. Teachers have set aside a special day to meet with you. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and the chance to share in your child's developmental process.

If your child is in Mrs. Beisch, Mrs. Qassem, or Mrs. Hill's class, you have already met with and discussed important information with them.

Future meetings will be held with the following teachers.

November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Norris
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Powers
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Scott
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## Spotlight on Science

Students are finishing up the unit on matter--investigating the properties of matter and using measurement. We're on to Forces and Motion with a focus on simple machines. A great website to help your child recognize simple machines at home is [www.edheads.org](http://www.edheads.org), choose simple machines from the activities menu. Have fun exploring!