Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your third grader will attend a field trip to the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve. Please complete the school permission slip and return it to the teacher along with the $4.00 interpretive fee.

**What to expect:**
- Trained docents lead children in an outdoor two-hour nature experience.
- Small groups of children walk slowly along a 1.5 mile trail under the supervision of a teacher, adult and docent.
- Students learn about plants, animals and human history of the reserve, seasonal changes, photosynthesis, plant life cycles, food webs, types of adaptations, and area geology.

**What to wear:**
- Apply sun-lotion to exposed skin.
- Closed-toed shoes, like sneakers; no flip-flops or sandals.
- Tee-shirt; bare shoulders get sunburned.
- Cap/hat; protect face and head from sun.
- Jacket; temperatures are variable and mornings are cool.

**What to bring:**
- Water bottle to carry on the 1.5 mile walk.
- Lunch and a drink.

**Day of visit:**
- Children should eat a hearty breakfast.
- Apply sunscreen in the morning.

**Reminders:**
- Students do not need a backpack; they might forget it at the Plateau Reserve.
- There is no need to send extra money; few items are offered for sale.
- Only chaperones are welcome on the trip; families visit another day.
- Further information about the Plateau is available at [www.santaroasplateau.org](http://www.santaroasplateau.org)

Thank You.

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