



"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose
I would always greet it in a garden."
- Ruth Stout

Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade ☘ Songo Locks Elementary School ☘ 2012 – 2013

~~~~~ April Newsletter ~~~~~

### Conferences

Each year I invite not only the parents, but also the students to join me for conferences. I feel it is very important for the students to understand what strengths and concerns that we have for them. It is also an opportunity for the students to see that school and home are a team working together to help them excel in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Note that conferences are only 15 minutes. If you are LATE for your conference I may not be able to extend past the time allotted and we may have reschedule for another week.

### Third Trimester Math Expectations

As you know MSAD 61 is moving towards the Nationwide Common Core Curriculum. We have made a few recent changes to the report card expectations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester:

- ☞ Fluently divides within 100 (ex. 81/9)
- ☞ Solves two-step problems using the four operations (+, -, x, and divide)
- ☞ Subtract 4-digit numbers
- ☞ Multiply one-digit whole numbers by multiples of 10 in the range of 10-90 (for example 9 x 80).
- ☞ Recognize, name, and illustrate fractions
- ☞ Create and interpret bar graphs and picture graphs.

### April 12<sup>th</sup> and Calendar Updates

Due to our many snow days the school board has decided that Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> will be a *regular school day!*

Thankfully, they didn't change our April vacation! That will be the following week from April 15-19<sup>th</sup>. I hope your family has plans to enjoy the Great State of Maine!

For those who need to make summer plans: currently our last day of school for 2012-2013 is scheduled to be June 18<sup>th</sup>.



### April Calendar

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| April 5     | SLS Game Night       |
| April 8-9   | Parent-Teacher Conf. |
| April 12    | Regular School Day   |
| April 15-19 | Vacation             |