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*Mrs. Nielsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade THUNDERBOLTS \* Songo Locks Elementary School \* 2015 - 2016*  
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End of Trimester 1

Grading for the 1st trimester ended just before Thanksgiving Break. Teachers are currently working on report cards and they should be available on Infinite Campus on Friday, December 11th. Please let me know if you have ANY questions or concerns with your child's report card. I would be happy to help you find ways to support learning at home!



November Recap

We had a VERY busy month of assessments in November. We also completed a book study on Ramona and Her Father by Beverly Cleary. We focused on constructing solid written responses to questions. AND we completed a full round of DRA - Developmental Reading Assessments. Every family should have received a letter home about your child's DRA score. If not, please let me know!

In writing the students used their new Typing Skills to write narratives using Google Drive and Schoology. We are really focusing on clean and detailed paragraphs that show 3rd grade conventions and grammar.

We are also nearly completed our 1st science unit on Forces and Interactions. The students certainly became very familiar with the vocabulary in this unit. Just ask any of them about the FORCES and I know they will have lots of information to share. If you want to see any of our hands-on science photos check out Schoology! Your child has login information in their agenda.

Upcoming Calendar

DECEMBER

- December 11** Report Cards Available
- December 16** Nutrition Day
Bring in Bingo Challenge
- December 17** 3rd Grade Concert - 9:00
- December 21** Dance Program &
Mad Science Assemblies
- December 23 - January 1** Vacation

**Please note that Early Release days begin on Monday, January 4th. We will have ER days every Monday through February 29th.*

DAILY WINTER CLOTHING

Please send your child each day with all of the outdoor gear they need to enjoy daily recess! Also, please LABEL EVERYTHING!



- Warm Jacket
- 1ow Pants (once snow arrives)
- Boots AND Indoor Shoes!
- Hat & Mittens



Curriculum

So What's Up Next?

We will be completing our Forces and Interactions Unit this week. We will also be working on a language unit about Cause and Effect. Of course we may also throw in a few fun activities along the way.