

# December



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*Mrs. Nielsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade on Otter Pond \* Songo Locks Elementary School \* 2018 - 2019*  
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## End of Trimester 1

Grading for the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester ended just after Thanksgiving Break. Teachers are currently working on report cards and they should be available on Infinite Campus on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any trouble accessing your Infinite Campus account please contact the SLS office. I do not have access to that information. Please let me know if you have ANY questions or concerns with your child's ELA report card. I would be happy to help you find ways to support learning at home!



In December we are working on a few things in ELA and Social Studies:

1. **Festivals of Light** – we are learning about Festivals of Light found all over the world.
  - a. Diwali in India
  - b. Jewish Hanukkah
  - c. Swedish Santa Lucia Day
  - d. Mexican Los Posadas
  - e. Christmas – all over the world
  - f. African American Kwanzaa
2. **Cause and Effect** – we will be working on some Christmas Cause and Effect
  - a. CAUSE = WHY something happens
  - b. EFFECT = WHAT happened

*You can reinforce this at home too:*

**Ex.** The floor is all wet (effect), so what caused that? The snowy boots melting might have caused it!

The kids worked hard on their homework (cause) so they had extra time for fun (effect).

## Upcoming Calendar

### DECEMBER

<b>December 7</b>	Report Cards Available
<b>December 13</b>	Ms. Norcross Brunch – 8:45
<b>December 13</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert – 2 pm
<b>December 21</b>	Otter Pond <i>Inside Out</i> Party
<b>Dec 24 – Jan 2</b>	Vacation
<b>January 2</b>	Classes Resume 8:30 am

*\*Please note that **Early Release days** begin on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have ER days every Monday through February.*

## 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  
Snow Pants

Boots **AND** Indoor Shoes\*!

Hat & Mittens



*\*Students may leave any of these items during the school week. Everything will be sent home on Fridays.*

**Students should also bring shoes to wear inside.  
Big winter boots make for noisy classrooms and sweaty feet.**