



For the wise man looks into space and he knows there are no limited dimensions.

Lao Tzu

Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade ☸ Songo Locks Elementary School ☸ 2013-2014

~~~~~ February Newsletter ~~~~~

### Wish List

There are a few items that we could use in class if your family is able/willing to donate:

1. Large Containers of Salt (need 4)\*
2. 5 lb bag of Flour (need 1)\*
3. Mittens – new or used/cleaned
4. Games for indoor recess
  - a. Checkers
  - b. Trouble
  - c. Other Family Favorites...

*\* The salt and flour will be used to create Salt Dough maps of Maine during the month of March.*

### Classroom

### Healthy Heart

### Valentine's Day Party

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 2:00 - 2:45

Please bring 2 cups of your favorite fruit (please cut/prepare it to be bite-sized!) We will use the fruit to make a large community fruit salad.

Valentine's Optional – you don't have to bring ANY! But, if you do bring even one, we ask that you bring enough for everyone.

### February Calendar

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| February 3     | Early Release |
| February 10    | Early Release |
| February 17-21 | Vacation      |
| February 24    | Early Release |

*Each Monday from January 7<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup> will be an Early Release at **noon**. Students will be served both Breakfast and Lunch at school.*

We have started our unit on the **Universe, Earth, and Solar System**. Students are researching information on the planets and other objects in space. They will create a class model of the solar system and begin to consider scale and size in their work. They will also integrate this in their writing typing an informative essay on their research. We will also be learning about the moon and the sun and how the calendar and seasons are influenced by our relationship to these objects in space.