



February 2015



Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade MATH MAGICIANS ☺ Songo Locks Elementary School ☺ 2014-15

Scantron Testing

- The 3rd graders in MSAD 61 take a test called the Scantron three times per year. Students will be tested on both reading and math skills in their homerooms. This information is intended to help inform teachers about students who may benefit from additional supports as well as those who may enjoy some new challenges. This test is designed to track overall progress of individual students. Each test usually takes most students about 45 minutes to complete. This test also serves as a practice test as we move towards our Smarter Balanced Testing in March as both tests are taken on-line. You can support your child by providing plenty of sleep, healthy breakfasts and extra exercise!

Upcoming Calendar

February

February 2	Early Release at Noon
February 9	Early Release at Noon
February 13	MATH FUN DAY 1:30-2:10
February 16-20	February Vacation
February 23	Early Release at Noon

**Please note that Early Release days begin on Monday, January 5th. We will have ER days every Monday through March 2nd.*

January Recap



During the month of January we have been working with Division! The many snow days have slowed us down a bit, but we are still moving forward. Students have really been focusing on understanding how multiplication and division work together. They are also still working on mastering their multiplication facts. Students are expected to know these with automaticity. This means they can recall all facts to 12x12 automatically in their heads (about 3 seconds per problem). This is a skill I really encourage you to practice at home. You could give them facts in the car on the way to basketball, during dinner, or have them work on xtramath.com. You could use dice or use flash cards. There are many ways to practice so be creative!

DAILY WINTER CLOTHING: Yep, Still!

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



Curriculum

So What's Up Next?

We will be starting Fractions after vacation! Students will be developing an understanding of fractions as numbers. This can be a fun one to support at home with a little practice with measuring cups as well measuring household items to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.