



If you study to remember, you will forget, but,
If you study to understand, you will remember.
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Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade ☸ Songo Locks Elementary School ☸ 2012 – 2013

~~~~~ January Newsletter ~~~~~

## Supporting Math At Home

We are currently using the Everyday Mathematics program in MSAD 61. This program is based on a spiraling curriculum that reintroduces topics multiple times throughout a child's academic career. For more information please go to:

<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/>

This site is full of information and helpful hints.

In addition we are starting to align our math curriculum to the Core Curriculum used throughout the United States. This is why you may occasionally see a difference between the work we do in class and the report card.

Currently, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are asked to complete Multiplication Facts with Automaticity. This means they need to know them automatically. This is an area where you can help at home. Here are some ideas for practicing math facts at home!

- Practice using the Triangle Cards sent home during our last unit.
- Use other flash cards (make them!)
- Rolling Dice and Multiplying
- Random facts in the car
- Beat the Calculator

There are lots of resources on-line as well:

- Xtramath.com
- multiplication.com
- coolmath.com

## Classroom Pajama Party

Rescheduled to January 4<sup>th</sup>  
See Handout for more information.

## January Calendar

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|------------|---------------------------|
| January 4  | Class PJ Party 2:00-2:45  |
| January 7  | Early Release Day – 12:00 |
| January 14 | Early Release Day – 12:00 |
| January 21 | No School: MLK Jr. Day    |
| January 28 | Early Release Day – 12:00 |

## Early Release Days:

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. Please let me know if your child will have an alternate plan for going home on those days. If your child is participating in the Ski Program please make sure they have a permission slip each Monday.