





January



Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade BOBCATS  Songo Locks Elementary School  2014 – 2015

Attendance Counts!

This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education. The best place to get that education is in school -- every day, on time! Please note that the SLS doors open at 8:10 am and class begins at 8:30 am. The third grade goes to special at 8:45 each morning, so please be aware that our 8:30-8:45 time is very important and very busy. When children arrive even a few minutes late it greatly interrupts our morning routine.

The same can be said for our afternoons. Students are transitioning from math from 2:50-3:00 and early dismissals create added confusion during these times. Please refrain from asking the office to call down a "little early".

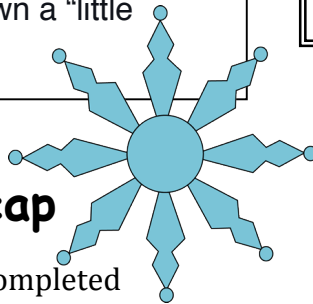
Upcoming Calendar

January

January 5	Early Release at Noon
January 12	Early Release at Noon
January 19	No School
January 26	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.*

December Recap



During the month of December we completed Literacy Unit 7 and took a week to explore the concept of Cause and Effect in literature. We will apply these concepts in our future science and literacy lessons.

In science we had a slow start to our Weather and Climate unit, but we will be moving forward with a brand new curriculum. Students will be utilizing a Science Talk format as we navigate this new material.

Students continue to use Google Drive to publish their writing. The December assignment was, "How does my family decorate our tree?" This assignment was a combination of narrative writing and an introduction to how-to writing.

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



Curriculum

So What's Up Next?

We will be completing Literacy Unit 8 on the Forces of Nature, which will support our Weather and Climate science unit. We will also be working on our Constructed Responses using the novel, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine* by Donn Fendler.