



"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."

- Ruth Stout

Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade ☸ Songo Locks Elementary School ☸ 2014-2015

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## Field Trips

In third grade we have 2 field trips for the end of the year.

On **May 28<sup>th</sup>** the SLS third grade will attend the Fine Arts Festival at LRHS. Our class will leave SLS at 10:10 and return around 11:30 am.

On **June 4<sup>th</sup>** Mrs. Bonnevie's and Ms. Libby's AND on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** Mrs. Nielsen's and Mr. Jacques' classes will spend the day in Portland. We will tour the Longfellow House, take a walking tour of the Old Port and then enjoy a picnic at Fort Williams. This all-day trip supports our Maine Studies curriculum.

## Unit 12 - Telling Time

Unit 12 was a very short unit with only 5 lessons. The unit was written by the publisher on the assumption that students are able to tell time accurately to the minute. The unit asked students to learn how to tell elapsed time, as well as how to work backward to figure out when to start activities. This skill proved to be very difficult in our shortened time frame. This is an area where you may want to work at home.

**Example:** Sam's soccer practice is at 4:30 pm. It takes Sam 15 minutes to drive to the field, 15 minutes to get ready to go, and 30 minutes to do her homework. What time should Sam start doing her homework?

## May-June Calendar

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 8                                   | Mid-Progress Reports           |
| May 14                                  | Wellness Evening 6:00 - 7:00   |
| May 15                                  | Last call for JDRF Fundraising |
| May 25                                  | No School - Memorial Day       |
| May 26                                  | Parent Lunch Day 12:15-12:45   |
| May 28                                  | Art Show at LRHS               |
| June 1                                  | Early Release Day              |
| June 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> | Portland Field Trip            |
| June 18                                 | Field Day                      |
| June 22                                 | Last Day of School             |



## What's Next?

Unit 13 (Perimeter) and Unit 14 (Area)

We will be working on our measurement skills. At home you could have your child work on measuring things around your house using a variety of units. This could be in centimeters, inches, feet, meters, or even just hand or footprints.

