



“autumn's last leaf falls - the harvest now over - a chill fills the air
 in this home - warmth surrounds you - like a blanket at night
 memories shared - love shared - hopes shared
 a time to reflect - and a time to look ahead - to give thanks for all
 - Sven



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 Mrs. Nielsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade THUNDERBOLTS ♿ Songo Locks Elementary School ♿ 2015 – 2016  
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 November Newsletter ~~~~~

Conference Wrap Up

Thank you so much to ALL of my Bobcat Families! We had great participation and every family was on time. Thank you so much for prioritizing our TEAM effort in education!

Thunderbolt Visitors

We had many special visitors to the Thunderbolt community during October.

Mammy Smith, came to be our first Guest Reader. She shared the story, *Too Many Pumpkins*, by Linda White. We are always looking for more guest readers!



Sarah Murphy – SNAP Education Coordinator will be teaching us about nutrition each month.

The Bridgton Rotary donated dictionaries to the 3rd graders. They will use these in class this year and then take them home next summer.

We participated in Fire Safety Month with a demonstration by of the **Casco and Naples EMS** departments.

Finally, we had lots of volunteers join our Pumpkin Day. Thanks to all of the families who volunteered their time and/or sent in Pumpkin goodies for our special day.



Upcoming Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 11 No School –
 Veteran's Day
November 25-27 No School –
 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 11 Report Cards Go Home
December 17 3rd Grade Concert at 9am
December 23 – January 1 Vacation

Curriculum

In addition to all of these wonderful visitors we've also been working really hard in the Thunderbolt classroom. We completed *Literacy By Design* Units 13 and 14, on Government, which helped us complete our social studies *Citizenship* Unit. The students did a great job on their assessment. They also wrote 2 narratives using the writing process. The first story was inspired by fall and the other was about Halloween. They even used Google Drive to type their final draft using their new Keyboarding skills!



So What's Up Next?

For the next two weeks we will complete a reading journey with Beverly Cleary. We will be reading Ramona and her Father as a class. We will also be using this time to continue to hone in on our written comprehension skills. Also: Force and Motion Studies for Science!