



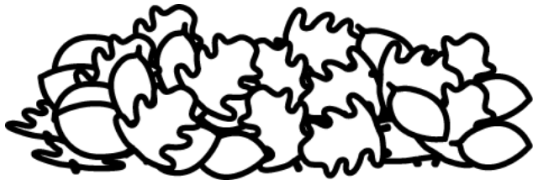
“autumn's last leaf falls - the harvest now over - a chill fills the air
 in this home - warmth surrounds you - like a blanket at night
 memories shared - love shared - hopes shared
 a time to reflect - and a time to look ahead - to give thanks for all
 - Sven



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 Mrs. Nielsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade THUNDERBOLTS ⚡ Songo Locks Elementary School ⚡ 2016 – 2017  
 ~~~~~ November Newsletter ~~~~~

Conference Wrap Up

Thank you so much to ALL of my Thunderbolt Families! We had great participation and families were on time. Thank you so much for prioritizing our TEAM effort in education!



Math Unit 3 Wrap Up

We recently completed unit 3, Addition and Subtraction of 3-digit numbers. The class, as a whole, has mastered addition. However, a few of our math magician friends could use some additional practice in subtraction. You will continue to see weekly practice in this skill even as we moved towards multiplication.



Unit 4: Multiplication

Over the next few units we will turn our focus to multiplication. Students will start by using arrays to “see” how multiplication works. We will also be practicing our facts in hopes of moving towards “automaticity”. This new skill will not be assessed until the 2nd trimester, but we have a long road ahead!

Upcoming Calendar

NOVEMBER

- November 10** Author Lynne Plourde Visits
Wear Red, White and Blue
- November 11** No School – Veteran’s Day
- November 23-25** No School – Thanksgiving

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#### DECEMBER

- December 3** SLS Craft Fair 9 - 11 am
- December 9** Report Cards Go Home
- December 15** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert at 10:30 am
- December 23 – January 2** Vacation

### Language Arts Curriculum

We’ve been working really hard in our Thunderbolts 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 narratives using the writing process. They even used Google Drive to type a final draft. We will take turns writing and typing our final drafts this year!

### 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: Our next Mystery Science Unit!!