

“Arithmetic is being able to count up to twenty without taking off your shoes.”
– Mickey Mouse



Mrs. Nielsen’s MATH GROUP ☘ Songo Locks Elementary School ☘ 2015 – 2016

~~~~~ October Newsletter ~~~~~

The students have really started to understand our classroom expectations and are working hard in math class. It is clear to me that many of you are also working hard to support your children at home! THANK YOU!!! Having support at home can make a HUGE difference for students.

Homework Hints:

1. The top half of the re-teaching side always has instructions for the lesson of the day!
2. Math should take 5-15 minutes of *focused* attention. If it’s taking longer STOP and write me a note!
3. Homework should be turned in each day – so make sure your child packs it into their backpack each night!

### Upcoming Calendar

#### OCTOBER

- October 9 No School – Teacher Wkshp
- October 12 No School – Columbus Day
- October 27 Parent-Teacher-Student Conf.
- October 28 Parent-Teacher-Student Conf.

#### NOVEMBER

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



### enVision Math

MSAD 61 uses the enVision Math program to address the Common Core State Standards. Students will receive daily homework in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This homework should be returned on the FOLLOWING school day.

At SLS the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams math. We share groups to ensure that students are working at an appropriate pace. Should you ever have any questions regarding math, please contact the math teacher your child works with daily.

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### Unit 2

We are currently working on Unit 2 in enVision. This unit reviews number sense strategies your child learned in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. However, some of these strategies may still be new or unfamiliar. Do not be scared! The program is introducing a VARIETY of strategies to help students see how different people think mathematically so that they may choose the strategies that work best for them personally. We WILL be also working towards learning “Mom and Dad’s Way”! In the meantime please be patient and try to remember that there are many ways to solve a problem. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.