

Each year I allow my students to choose our classroom identity. My 2013-2014 class had decided that we will be known as the "Lobsters" this year. 'Pinch, Pinch'



Mrs. Nielsen's 3rd Grade ☘ Songo Locks Elementary School ☘ 2013 - 2014

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(\*Note, the only different is the @ sign!)

### Spelling Homework

For each spelling unit I use a pre-test to determine the list your child will study. List B is used for most students. List C is a challenge list for those students who score 100% on the weekly pre-test. Students will be assigned 3 pages of homework each week. Please check the bottom of their spelling list, their agenda, or my website to see what pages they have been assigned for the week.

Students working on List C will have a short writing assignment that can found on the first page of their weekly assignment in their spelling book.

### Homework Schedule

- Monday      Spelling Books are sent home  
                    ○ These are due Thursday  
Reading Logs are sent home  
                    ○ These are due Friday  
Math Homework  
                    ○ This is due the following day
- Tuesday      Math Homework  
                    ○ This is due the following day
- Wednesday   Math Homework  
                    ○ This is due the following day  
Spelling is due Thursday!!
- Thursday      Study for Spelling Test on Friday  
Reading Logs are due Friday  
Math Homework  
                    ○ This is due the following day

I do not assign homework on the weekend!

### Reading Logs

Reading logs are an integral part of homework each week. I ask students to read for 15 or more minutes each evening. I do understand that busy families have busy nights! So I look for a total of 60 minutes of reading at home each week. Students may read a bit longer on one night to make up for another. I consider reading to be independent reading, reading to a younger sibling, reading on-line using Storia, Kindle, Raz-Kids or any other time with text!

### Water Bottles & Snacks

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to leave at school during the week. I do ask that the bottle have a secured cover so that water does not spill. I also ask that bottles be filled with **plain water** (not Kool-aid, sports drinks, or even flavored waters). Plain water is healthier for teeth, bodies and if it spills, it doesn't stain! Students are welcome to have other beverages for snack and/or lunch. Also, please don't forget a **healthy snack** for each afternoon. *Thanks for helping keep our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade "lobsters" healthy and hydrated!*