

“Be a good listener, your ears will never get you in trouble.”
– Frank Tyger

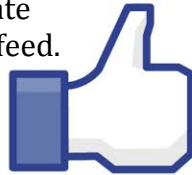


The Lobsters 3rd Grade ☸ Songo Locks Elementary School ☸ 2013 – 2014

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## enVision Math

In an effort to align the MSAD 61 curriculum with the Common Core State Standards our district has begun a new journey with enVision Math. You will notice some differences from the past few years of Everyday Math. This is the first year of transition and there may be some bumps along the way. However, so far, the children are getting used to the program in the classroom. However, if you have any confusion with homework please contact me so I can try to keep us all on the same page.

Currently we are working on Unit 1 and working towards student mastery of “place value understanding to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.” (3.NBT.1)

Thank you for all of your support of your child in ALL of their academic pursuits.

## Studying for Spelling

It is important for students to use some time during the week to study their spelling lists. Here are few fun ways to work on those words!

- Have a family Spelling Bee
- Write words in chalk, white boards, pans of rice, alphabet pasta, or in other fun ways
- Make flash cards
- Make word scrambles, word searches or other puzzles
- Practice on SpellingCity.com the link to my page is on my website!

## Water Bottles

Our school is using Poland Spring bubblers for drinking water this year. The water breaks can be quite time consuming. Please send in a water bottle that you child can leave on their desk at school to help minimize daily distractions.



## Calendar of Events

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs., September 12 | – Open House – 6:45 – 7:30 for 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade families |
| Tuesday, October 1   | – NECAP testing begins                                        |
| Friday, October 4    | – Teacher Workshop Day                                        |
| Thursday, October 31 | – Class Halloween Celebration 2:00 – 2:45 (parents welcome!)  |