

“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.” ~ Bryant H. McGill



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**The Lobsters 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** ⚡ **Songo Locks Elementary School** ⚡ **2013 - 2014**

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Homework



Homework should take approximately 30 minutes per evening if students spend about 15 minutes on a spelling page & math page and then another 15 minutes reading. If homework is becoming too much of a struggle or taking *far* more than the expected time, please write me a note. I will try to reinforce directions in school and work with your family to find a better balance. As the year progresses the homework should become more predictable and familiar. As I stated in an earlier newsletter, I do not change the homework routine!

NECAP Testing

Starting on Tuesday, October 1st the 3rd – 5th graders at SLS will participate in NECAP testing. The test will consist of 6 individual tests. There will be 3 math and 3 reading tests. Students will participate for about 90 minutes per day. Last year students completed the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings for two weeks.

In an effort to give students the chance to demonstrate their best effort here are some suggestions:

1. Have a healthy breakfast.
2. Be to school on-time.
3. Get some exercise! New research shows morning walking is just as helpful as a healthy breakfast.
4. Don't stress the test
– you can only do your best!

For more information you can read about the NECAP on-line at Maine.gov.

Calendar of Events

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| October 1 – 10 th | - NECAP Testing |
| Friday, October 4 | - Teacher Workshop Day |
| October 29 – 30 th | - Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 pm |
| Thursday, October 31 | - Class Halloween Celebration 2:00 – 2:45 (parents welcome!) |