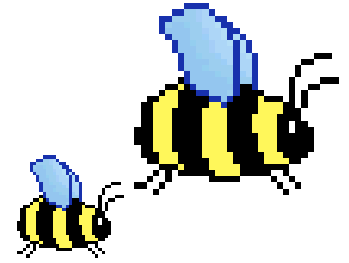


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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4/26—4/30

### Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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#### Spelling

We will start Unit 33 in our Spelling books on Monday. This unit focuses comparatives and superlatives.

We will complete pgs. 216–221 in our spelling books, a spelling task, and spelling scrambles. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and place these words in ABC order for extra practice.

On Thursday, April 30, will have spelling test #33 on Unit 33 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 33

1. larger
  2. sadder
  3. widest
  4. sharper
  5. closest
  6. hotter
  7. saddest
  8. redder
  9. reddest
  10. wider
  11. later
  12. largest
  13. closer
  14. hottest
  15. latest
- Bonus Words**
1. braver
  2. bravest
  3. flatter
  4. flattest
  5. smoothest



#### Reading

Cows in the Parlor is an informational article. It discusses the activities of a dairy farm and describes a typical day as the cows are fed, milked, and put away for the night. We will also discuss the life cycle of a cow, differences between cows and bulls, heifers, bull calves, silage, and how milk travels from the farm to our refrigerators. We will use several virtual farms online, as well as view footage of dairy farms across America. Students seem to enjoy this non-fictional article, and are very interested in the different types of cows. We will discuss America's four major dairy cows.

We will create a class "Cow Fact" book to accompany this wonderful article. We will also take a virtual tour of a milking parlor in Illinois!

#### Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test Unit 33–April 30
- ✓ *Cows in the Parlor Test*–4/29
- ✓ PARCC EOY Testing: Monday–Wednesday (PM only)
- ✓ May fest and Carnival–May 19

Whiteside Check Policy  
Per admin: Checks will not be accepted after April 1. Payments for lunch, field trips, and any fees may be paid by cash or with a credit card online through RevTrak. Reminder: All student fees – registration, lunch, activity, library, IDs, lost textbooks – must be paid in order to participate in field trips and end of year activities

**Weekly Specials Rotation for April 26–30, 2015**  
M(PE) Tu(Ary) W(Music) Th(Library) F(Compu).

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive:

We will add cursive to all morning work activities! We will also slowly incorporate cursive into our weekly spelling tests.

#### Social Studies:

Science is our focus at the moment. :-)

#### Science:

We are still studying Sir Isaac Newton's three laws. Pushes, pulls, inertia, acceleration, friction, and gravity are just a few words we will discuss and conduct experiments with!

#### Math

We are still working hard with multiplication and division facts. Facts logs will be coming home soon. We will use a "master in 7 days" approach to learn the trickiest facts! We will study multiplication and division (and their properties) for the remainder of the school year.

#### English

We have just a few more weeks of "intense" writing before we kick-off our MYSTERY GENRE! This special unit will incorporate both reading and English class activities. While studying mysteries and enjoying mystery book clubs, we will use English time to create our own fabulous mysteries! We also have a classroom version of "CLUE" scheduled to kick-off this amazing unit!