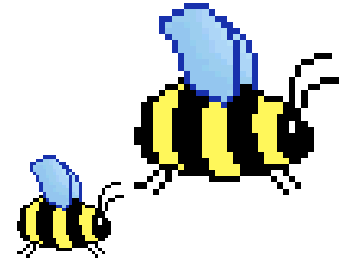


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 31 in our Spelling books on Monday. This unit includes words that have an "es" suffix added to them, in order to make the base word plural.

We will complete pgs. 202–207 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 16, will have spelling test #31 on Unit 31 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

Spelling Words

Unit 31

1. flags
 2. inches
 3. dresses
 4. pies
 5. bushes
 6. classes
 7. apples
 8. colors
 9. drums
 10. branches
 11. things
 12. buses
 13. benches
 14. tracks
 15. Brushes
- Bonus Words**
1. switches
 2. walruses
 3. endpoints
 4. segments
 5. lines



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 31–April 16
- ✓ Leaf's Pony test– April 16th
- ✓ Tuesday, April 21—ZOO FIELD TRIP! (no more \$ or background checks will be accepted. The deadline was March 24th.)
- ✓ Whiteside Wellness 5K–April 18
- ✓ May fest and Carnival–May 19

Our **ELEMENTARY SCIENCE NIGHT 2015** is scheduled for April 16th.

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 13–17, 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.

Science:

The next two weeks will be devoted to Sir Isaac Newton and his laws. We will begin PHYSICAL SCIENCE!! This will have our bodies moving and grooving as we learn about forces.

Social Studies:

We concluded our government studies last week. Students were very interested in the Electoral College and direct/representative democracies! Time for science!!

Math

This week, we will finish Geometry! This unit went very quickly—and students are doing a PHE-NOMENAL job! I am so impressed! We will conclude our unit with a pre-test and post-test (if needed) and will switch our focus to more in depth multiplication. Facts logs will be coming home soon. We will use a "master in 7 days" approach to learn the trickiest facts!

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!