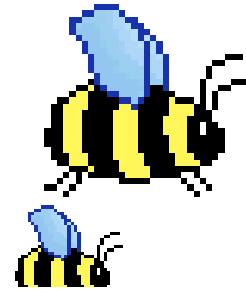


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Mrs. Jones' Third Grade WEEKLY BUZZ



April 2-6, 2012

NO SCHOOL April 4-9: Happy Spring Break!

4/2—4/6

Reading

Volume 4

Spelling

We started Unit 34 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words with the suffix "ly"! On Monday, we completed pgs 206- 207 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, used them to practice fractions, wrote them in scrambled form, used special symbols, used ASL, and finally played cursive spelling BINGO! We are getting really good at this game! On **Thursday, April 12th**, we will have spelling test #29 on Unit 34 words. We will begin Unit 35 on Friday.

Spelling Words

Unit 34

- 1) slowly
- 2) mainly
- 3) badly
- 4) hourly
- 5) suddenly
- 6) lately
- 7) partly
- 8) closely
- 9) really
- 10) lastly
- 11) plainly
- 12) loudly
- 13) shortly
- 14) monthly
- 15) softly
- 16) greatly
- 17) secretly
- 18) brightly
- 19) happily
- 20) easily



"What ever Happened to the Baxter Place?," is a wonderfully written story about the Baxter Family. The Baxter's are farmers in Maryland. They have both livestock and crops. The Baxter family consists of Pete and Sara, the mother and father. The Baxter children are Sue Ann and Pee Wee (which was young Pete). Two farmhands, named Jim and Wally, also help them work the 300 acre farm ground. All is well on Baxter farm, called Baxter Place, until Jess Hammil stopped by one day. The farm ground goes through several changes over the years, and eventually becomes the new home to subdivisions, a shopping mall, and a hunting area. Despite those drastic changes, one thing remains the same—the Baxter's are some of the kindest people anyone could know.

Announcements

- ✓ **No Tests this week!**
- ✓ **Field Trip**—Our zoo field trip is scheduled for Friday, April 13th. Permission slips and \$ are due April 9th. Chaperones are NOT charged to go on our field trip.
- ✓ All Fees (Library, Lunch, Spring Pictures, Registration, etc.) are due before our field trip.
- ✓ **PTC Events Mar/April Trivia Night: 4/14**

Chaperones: We are happy to take as many chaperones as possible, so feel free to join us! The bus leaves at 8:45. Chaperones, please meet us at the Living World entrance.. More info coming soon!

Weekly Specials Rotation for April 2—6, 2012

M(Music) Tu(Library)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We have begun our "Cool Cursive Club!" So far, we have 15 students with their cursive licenses! Best Wishes, Third Graders! We will continue cursive poetry this week. Very soon, all of our work will be in cursive!

Social Studies / Science

Last week, we held three special city council meetings. The first, we discussed and voted for our city name, Clearwater. The next two meetings involved budget issues, and natural disasters (a tornado). Additionally, we will discuss the three branches of government and briefly touch on each branch's powers/

duties.

Math: We will continue DIVISION!! Fact families will help us tremendously as well! It is VERY IMPORTANT to master the multiplication facts to be successful dividers. **Please continue working with your child.** We really want to move away from using our fingers.

English/Writing:

We will begin a short mini-unit on Poetry this week to accompany a Reading story that we are skipping, "If You're Not From the Prairie." We will discuss, read, and create various forms of poetry too! We will also review Common and Proper Nouns with a special art project!