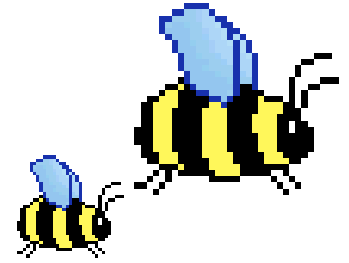


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*April 6—10, 2015

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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 30 in our Spelling books on Tuesday. These words are a combination of Units 25–29. This review unit includes all of the previous spelling patterns we have studied this year.

We will complete pgs. 196–201 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 9, will have spelling test #30 on Unit 30 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

Spelling Words

Unit 30

1. happen
2. sudden
3. letter
4. summer
5. funny
6. pretty
7. happy
8. sorry
9. baking
10. having
11. coming
12. leaving
13. dropped
14. stopped
15. running
16. swimming
17. she'll
18. we've
19. I'll
20. must've

Bonus Words



Reading

This week, we will begin a fantastic and uplifting story titled, "Leah's Pony." This story centers upon the hardships many American families faced during the 1930s Dust Bowl. Leah, our main character, deals with changes in her family, becoming poor, and making sacrifices—just to survive. Students will learn about the Dust Bowl as well as what it means to make sacrifices.

Here is a brief story summary: Leah's parents are farmers in the Great Plains of the 1930s. Amid locusts and drought, their bank forecloses on its loan, ordering a farm auction. Leah sells her beloved pony and uses the money to bid one dollar for her father's tractor. No one has the heart to outbid her. Her action inspires others at the auction to buy the rest of the goods for ridiculously low bids and return everything to Leah's family.

Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test Unit 30—April 9
- ✓ Leah'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 6—10, 2015

Unknown rotation at this time.

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:

This 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 will continue our study of the government for a few more days. We will culminate this unit by hosting a classroom mayoral election. Best wishes to all 26 candidates. :)

Math

This week, we will jump into Geometry! We will discuss angles, rays, lines, polygons, flips, slides, rotations, 2D/3D objects, and symmetry. After completing this unit, we will dive into "hardcore" multiplication and division until the year's end. We will have nightly fact logs to ensure mastery of our 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!

