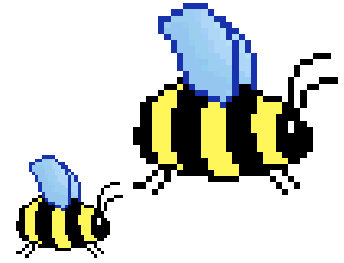


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*August 20—August 24, 2012

8/20—8/24

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 1 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain either a short "a" vowel sound or a short "i" vowel sound.

Next Monday, we complete pgs. 8 -9 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words 5 times each and play SPARKLE BOOM!.

On Thursday, August 30th, we will have spelling test #1 on Unit 1 words. We will begin the new Unit 2 Spelling words on Friday, August 31st.

Spelling Words

Unit 1

1. act
2. plan
3. grand
4. stamp
5. trip
6. list
7. stick
8. thing
9. land
10. stand
11. last
12. lift
13. band
14. swim
15. sand



Bonus Words

- (these are tested too!)
1. packet
 2. slim
 3. magnet
 4. whiskers
 5. grasp

Reading

This week, we are reading "Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend." This is a wonderful story about a boy, Julian, who decides to befriend a girl—Gloria—who is new to his neighborhood. These two children build a bond through teaching each other skills and sharing their favorite things with one another. We will discuss what qualities a good friend possesses. We will also look at ourselves and remember times when we acquired new friends. This test will be on Friday, August 24th. We will complete this test together to ensure that all students understand our test format and have practice before their first independent reading test on August 31st. We test students on comprehension, short answer, multiple choice, and vocabulary.

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday—we will complete the first test together, as a class.
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 1 Words on Thursday, August 30th
- ✓ Be sure to ask your child about our class COMPLIMENTS! We are off to a stellar star!
- ✓ Please be sure to return all paperwork by Friday, August 24th. Thank you so much in advance!

Weekly Specials Rotation for August 20—August 24, 2012

M (none) Tu (Music.) W (Library) Th (Compu) F (P.E.)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We will slowly introduce cursive writing to our third grade students this year. Most students have learned parts of this skill in 2nd grade. We will begin by writing our names and the alphabet in cursive. We will practice daily, but will NOT start completing tests/classwork in cursive until after

winter break.

Social Studies

We started our first social studies chapter this week with our study of globes, maps, compasses, directions, oceans, and continents. Students will be tested on the seven continents and 4 oceans (although some people consider the "Southern

Ocean" to be the 5th ocean.)

Math:

Our first chapter in math covers graphing skills. We will study bar graphs, pictographs, line graphs, tally charts, problem solving and in-out machines. We will also learn how to interpret data from graphs in order to solve word problems.

English/Writing:

This week, we will start our 5 mini-lesson unit on how to begin writing and "CAFÉ" skill building for reading strategies! We will practice several skills in our "Writer's Notebooks" to help us when we begin writing expository essays soon! I am so proud of our great listening!!!!

