

Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

Spelling Words

Reading

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

On Monday, we completed pgs 8-9 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each and played "SPARKLE BOOM!"

On Thursday, August 25th, we will have spelling test #1 on Unit 1 words. We will test on Friday and begin the new Unit 2 Spelling words on Monday.

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

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 26th. 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 September 2nd. 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
- ✓ For anyone wanting to know more about 3rd Grade, we will have a short but sweet meeting Thursday, September 1 in our classroom, Room 236 :) Time is TBA.

Weekly Specials Rotation for August 22—August 26, 2011

M (Compu. Lab) Tu (P.E.) W (Art) Th (Music) F (Library)

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 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 started our 5 mini-lesson unit on how to begin writing and "CAFE" 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!!!!

