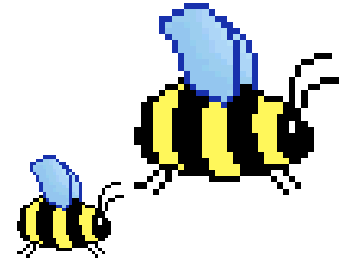


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*August 25—August 29, 2014

8/25—8/29

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Reading

✓ Reading Test on Gloria, Sept 5.

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 1 Words on Aug. 28

✓ Be sure to ask your child about our class COMPLIMENTS! We are off to a stellar star!

✓ No School: September 1 (Labor Day)

✓ 2:00 Dismissal on September 17th.

September PTC Events:

Sept 2—Tuesday PTC Meeting 7 pm at the Elementary School

Sept 12—Friday School Camp Out at the Elementary Lawn

Sept. 19—Friday Fun Spot Skate Night 5–7 pm

Sept. 19—Friday Grandparents (of Kindergarteners) Lunch

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 week, we complete pgs. 8–13 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words in various ways! We will use math skills as well to practice our spelling words. To review, we will play SPARKLE BOOM!.

On Thursday, August 28th, we will have spelling test #1 on Unit 1 words. We will begin the new Unit 2 Spelling words on Friday, August 29th.

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

Our first reading story in the "Friendship Unit," is titled, Gloria, Who Might Be My Best Friend. This story discusses the struggles many children face when moving to a new place and trying to find new friends. It also follows the friendship of an unlikely duo: a boy named Julian, and a girl named Gloria.

We will discuss character traits that many good friends possess, as well as several skills, such as sequencing, classifying, and making connections.

Our "Gloria" test will be on September 5th. We will complete this first test together, while discussing key events of the story and focusing on "juicy writing." In third grade, students are tested on comprehension, short answer, multiple choice, and vocabulary. I will send home a sample assessment document with this test to give you a better idea of how these tests are graded.

Best wishes, Third Graders!!

Weekly Specials Rotation for August 25—August 29, 2014

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

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We will slowly introduce cursive writing into our daily activities this year. Most students learned this skill in 2nd grade (Hooray!). We will begin by writing our names, spelling words, and the alphabet in cursive. We will practice dai-

ly, 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 place value. This particular unit of study focuses on place value to the ten thousands place.

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!!!!