

Whiteside School District 115

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz

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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 19 in our Spelling books on Tuesday. These are words that contain the short "o" sound, made with "o" and "aw" -such as cost and draw. On Monday, we completed pgs 116 - 119 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, wrote them in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On **Thursday, Dec. 15**, we will have spelling test #15 on Unit 19 words. We will begin the new Unit 20 spelling words on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Spelling Words

Unit 19

1. draw
2. cost
3. dawn
4. across
5. belong
6. cross
7. soft
8. crawl
9. song
10. boss
11. straw
12. lawn
13. raw
14. lost
15. law
16. jigsaw
17. yawning
18. drawer
19. mossy
20. defrost



Reading

This story is about a king who loves nothing more than his clothes. His servants bring him stacks of clothing morning, noon and night. One day two visitors came and told the king that they made the most beautiful clothing in the world. He hired them right away. The visitors would not show the emperor their work - saying it had to be kept in the highest secrecy. Further, they said that only the wisest persons could see and appreciate such beautiful clothing. The King was fearful he wouldn't be able to see the clothing (might he not be wise enough?) so he sent his minister to check them out. The minister came to see the clothing - but all he saw was an empty clothes hanger! He didn't say anything because he didn't know WHAT to say and he certainly didn't want to appear unwise! I won't

Announcements

- ✓ **Reading Test** on Friday
- ✓ **Spelling Test** on Unit 19 Words on Thursday
- ✓ **ISAT Boot Camp** begins in our classroom and will replace Science/ Social Studies time for the next 7 weeks beginning Jan. 3rd
- ✓ **Winter Break** begins December 21st! School is back in session on January 3! Happy Holidays!
- ✓ **Holiday Class Party:** Tuesday, December 20, 1:30—2:30

Weekly Specials Rotation for Dec. 12—Dec. 16, 2011
M(Compu Lab) Tu(P.E.) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

Now that we have practiced cursive throughout our first full semester of third grade, we will begin using it in our daily activities after winter break. We will still complete poetry journals to practice our cursive as well as our "cool cursive

club." Best wishes, Third Graders!!

Social Studies / Science

We will conclude our local government chapter this week—and begin exploring "Christmas Around the World," ending with the Polar Express on Friday!! Don't forget to ask your child about their travels this week and to see their

souvenirs from their travels!

Science and Social Studies will take a break after Christmas in order to prepare for ISAT

Math: We will complete Chapter 3 this week! We are practicing counting (adding) money as well as figuring change. We will also practice multiplication facts in our free time, as well as for homework! Best wishes Third Graders!

English/Writing:

We will begin focusing on Adjectives, and the traits of good writers this week!

We will also begin ISAT boot camp with reading practice during English time!