

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 17 in our Spelling books last Monday. These are words that contain the long "i" vowel—such as leave and street. On Monday, we completed pgs 102-103 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. 8th, we will have spelling test #14 on Unit 17 words. We will begin the new Unit 19 spelling words on Monday, December 12th.

Spelling Words

Unit 17

1. friend
2. very
3. people
4. yours
5. after
6. busy
7. other
8. were
9. should
10. once
11. would
12. sure
13. little
14. every
15. could
16. poor
17. sugar
18. secret
19. yourself
20. o'clock



Picasso, is a non-fictional selection that explores the wide range of styles and techniques – from realism to cubism – that Picasso pioneered during his career. The piece talks about how his work has influenced the course of art history. Reproductions of some of his works accompany the text to illustrate his different artistic periods. We pay special attention to how Picasso's work changed—and the influences in his life that change his art. We also discuss cubism.

Vocabulary

Encourage
Controversy
Style
Originality
Monument

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 17 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Math—Ch 3 Sect B Quiz Wednesday, Dec. 7th
- ✓ Glee Club Field Trip: For Glee Club students only: Thursday, Dec. 8th 9:30–10:50. Students will be responsible for any missed work while they are away. =)

Weekly Specials Rotation for Dec. 5—Dec. 9, 2011
M(Compu Lab) Tu(P.E.) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We will continue to add students to our "cool cursive club." This very special honor begins with a quick cursive writing quiz. We also started our "poetry journals." During this time, we copy cursive poems into our journals and

illustrate what we envision when reading these selected poems! What a huge honor! Best wishes, third graders!!!

Social Studies

We will continue exploring "Christmas Around the World." We will travel to Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Kenya, Greenland, Australia, Italy, Japan, and India. Don't forget

to ask your child about their travels this week and to see their

Math:

We will conclude Ch 3, Sect B on Wednesday, and move into adding money on Wednesday. We are doing a GREAT job on this chapter! I'm so proud of our hard work!

English/Writing:

We will continue expository writing and reading response focus cycles this week. Our first focus cycle will be long passages and written responses. This week's focus will be short responses and sequencing events. We will also try to sprinkle in some fun winter poetry as well!