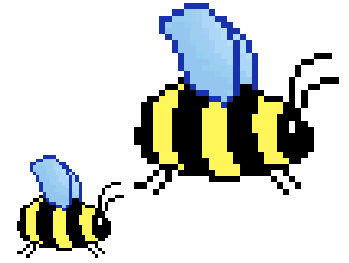


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



\*December 15-19, 2014

12/15 -12/19

### Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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#### Spelling

#### Spelling Words

#### Reading

We will start Unit 16 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words that contain the "schwa" sound, such as the "uh" spelled with an "a" in the word "above."

We will complete pgs. 108-113 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also continue word work centers, write our spelling words in fun ways, in secret code, in pyramids, in ABC order, with probability spinners, and in JUICY sentences. As a fun way to review, we will have "study buddies." Finally, we will add "spelling stories" and Boggle to our list for word work.

On **Thursday, Dec. 17th**, we will have spelling test #16 on Unit 16 words.

#### Unit 16

1. afraid
  2. around
  3. upon
  4. never
  5. open
  6. animal
  7. ever
  8. about
  9. again
  10. another
  11. couple
  12. awake
  13. over
  14. asleep
  15. above
- Bonus Words**
1. award
  2. banana
  3. several
  4. odor
  5. gorilla



The first story of our "Imagination" unit is titled "Through Grandpa's Eyes." This is a realistic fictional story (which means it has realistic characters doing realistic things, but is not a story about a real person or event). In the story, John is a little boy whose grandfather is blind. Yet sounds, smells, tastes and the ability to touch enrich his life. Young John loves to be with his grandfather and at his house, for when he is there, his own world expands as he closes his eyes and experiences the events of the day as his grandfather does. This story emphasizes how using imagination helps one experience the joys and wonders of living, in spite of the loss of one's sight. The grandfather teaches his grandson to mix imagination with the information attained through the use of his senses to appreciate life.

- ✓ Through Grandpa's Eyes test will be on 12/19 (**cancelled! No test!**)
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 16 Words on **Thursday, Dec. 18th**
- ✓ School-wide classroom Christmas Party! Friday, December 19th, from 1:30-2:30
- ✓ Winter Break: Dec 22- Jan 4. School begins Jan 5th.
- ✓ Have a wonderful break!!!!!!!

#### Wish List:

If possible, we would love toy catalogs/ advertisements from ANY store. We will be using them to help us with MONEY. Thanks!!!

### Weekly Specials Rotation for December 15-19, 2014

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

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Science:

We will continue to study weather and atmosphere.

#### RAcK Week!

Students will be participating in "Random Acts of Kindness" in our classroom. Our goal is to spread kindness and love throughout our building and our homes. :)

#### Social Studies:

Students will board the White-side Express and travel the world, in search of various cultures, holidays, and traditions. We will cover the globe—and six of the seven continents. We will also create keepsakes at each destination as well as fill out scrapbook pages! Be sure to ask your child about his/her travels!

#### Math

This week, we will finish Chapter 5 (Understanding Division). We will dig deeper into this topic by addressing the relationship between repeated subtraction and division. We will also use models, manipulatives, and games to further our understanding of division. Nightly fact practice logs will begin after break.

#### English

This week, students will create topics, subtopics, and details/facts on graphic organizers. Then, they will use their organizers to create their first independent informational writing piece! We will also discuss suffixes/prefixes.