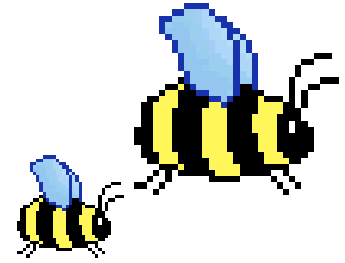


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



December 16–20, 2013

12/16–12/20

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

We started 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.”

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 108–111 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add subtraction word detectives, and word webs to our list of word work.

On **Thursday, December 19th**, we will have spelling test #16 on Unit 16 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).



Spelling 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



Reading

The last story of our Imagination Unit is titled, “Roxaboxen.” This story is about a small group of children in a desert town. They create this imaginary town, Roxaboxen, and pretend that it is a real place. Marian is elected the mayor. They also have a sheriff, an ice cream vendor (in Roxaboxen you can eat all the ice cream you want), a bakery and a cemetery. They dig up old shoe boxes full of stones, and say that this is the ancient money of Roxaboxen – some children say they can even find some of these stones laying around if they look carefully. The children collect white stones and make Main Street, outlines for the Roxaboxen jail, and the outlines for other stores and houses. Child grab any round objects they can find and pretend to drive a car – but they have to watch out! The sheriff might ticket them for speeding. In the winter time, Roxaboxen sits lonely and barren while the children are in school, but the next summer, they are all back again. These children eventually grow up and tell their own children about all the adventures they had in their little imaginary town of Roxaboxen.

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Announcements

- * Winter Break:
December 21st –
January the 5th.
- * School will resume on
Jan. 6th.
- * Happy Holidays!!!!
Happy New Year!
Enjoy your break!
- * Thank you so much
for the catalogue/
advertisement dona-
tions. Our class is
very thankful to have
lots of “shopping
material” for math
class!
- * Good News Party:
Thursday, Dec 19th
Be sure to wear your
favorite PJ's!

Weekly Specials Rotation for Dec. 16–20, 2013

M(PE) Tu(Art) W(Music) Th(Library) F(Compu)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We will continue to slowly and surely incorporate cursive into our daily activities.

Science

We are going to take a three week science break so that we can focus on Holidays Around the World.

Social Studies:

We will continue our three-week mini unit on Holidays Around the World! We will discuss flags, languages, customs, traditions, and landforms of 12 countries (on 6 of our 7 continents)! We will collect “souvenirs” for each place that we travel, as well as have our passports stamped in each place. This is always so much

fun!

Math:

We will continue to focus on both multiplication and division—as well as their relationships with addition, subtraction, and each other. This week, we will focus on multiplying and dividing 5, 10, 0, and 1.

Sprinkled into our daily homework, you will see addition and subtraction review. Happy

English/Writing:

As we finish up our in class informational essay on bats, we will shift gears to a mini-narrative unit! We will create a special narrative to accompany the Gift of the Magi. We will also write our own narrative essays detailing special gifts we would like to give the most special people in our lives.

