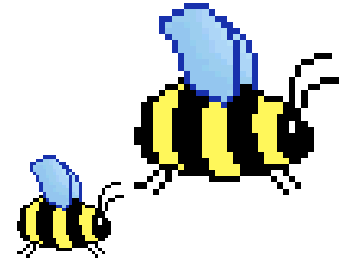


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



\*December 1-5, 2014

12/1-12/5

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

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#### Spelling

#### Spelling Words

#### Reading

We will start Unit 14 in our Spelling books on Monday, December 1st. These are words that contain the "j" and "s" sounds spelled with "g" and "c".

We will complete pgs. 96-101 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. 4th, we will have spelling test #14 on Unit 14 words.

#### Unit 14

1. change
  2. fence
  3. space
  4. age
  5. center
  6. large
  7. since
  8. price
  9. page
  10. ice
  11. dance
  12. pencil
  13. slice
  14. place
  15. city
- Bonus Words**
16. cedar
  17. cider
  18. pounce
  19. plunge
  20. nudge



Our last story of our city wildlife, unit 2 focus, is titled, "Two Days in May." It is a compelling urban story - based on a real-life incident in Chicago - that reveals what happens when the residents of a city neighborhood band together to save five hungry deer who have wandered into their midst. When the animals are discovered nibbling in a small vegetable garden, surprise and wonderment give way to practicality: How can the deer be safely removed? A solution, happily, is found, but not before neighbors, children and adults, spontaneously form a human wall around the deer to protect them from falling victims to an inhumane city ordinance.

#### VOCABULARY

doe      buck      fawn  
organization      wander

✓ "Two Days in May" test will be on 12/10

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 14 Words on Thursday, Dec. 4th

#### December PTC Events:

Dec 2: PTC Meeting  
7pm @ Middle School

Dec 5: Gingerbread House Night: 6-8 pm

Dec 12: Fun Spot Skate Night - FREE ADMISSION, 5-7pm

#### 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 1-5, 2014

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

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Science:

This week, we will continue our newest science unit titled, "Earth Science." We will discuss weather and climate, the Earth's atmosphere (5 layers), clouds, wind, weather forecasts, and weather tools. We will learn about predicting the weather,

and what factors contribute to the weather in our area of the world. We will also check the weather (pressure, humidity, wind speed/direction) to determine if precipitation is possible—and what type of precipitation. Additionally, we will focus on weather and climate related vocabulary and create our own daily weather logs.

#### Math

This week, we will begin 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.

#### English

We will continue our non-fictional writing unit this week. We will continue to discuss text features, using informational text, and how to "read" informational text, while utilizing the writing process. We will also discuss plural nouns within our informational writing. We will focus on irregular nouns and superlatives.