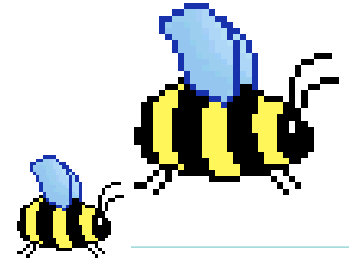




# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



December 3—7, 2012

12/3 - 12/7

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

#### Spelling

We started Unit 16 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words "schwa" words such as the sounds found in above and afraid which sound like "UH-bove and UH-fraid"

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 98-100 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words 3 times each in cursive,, in ABC Order, in JUICY sentences, scrambled, in a crossword puzzle, and we will play SPARKLE BOOM and spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add "spelling stories" and Boggle to our list for word work

On Thursday, Dec. 2nd we will have spelling test #15 on Unit 16 words. This will be in cursive! We will begin Unit 17 on Friday.

#### 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

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

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##### Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 16 Words on Thursday,
- ✓ Don't forget your Book-It logs.
- ✓ Dec 19—2:00 Dismissal
- ✓ Dec. 20 Winter Break Begins.
- ✓ Jan. 2—School back in session
- ✓ Glee Club Field Trip Dec. 5

##### Wish List:

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



Weekly Specials Rotation for Dec. 3—7, 2012  
M(Compu) Tu(P.E) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive Writing:

We will continue adding students to our "cool cursive club." This very special-honor begins with a quick cursive writing quiz. Once students pass, their name is displayed in our hallway—and they may do all work in cursive! They also receive a special Cursive License! What a huge honor! Best wishes, third graders!!!

We also are continuing our

poetry journals .

#### Social Studies/Science

We are well on our way in our new chapter—Animals!! We will discuss various "eaters," adaptations, camouflage, etc.

We will also sneak in a very special "Winter Celebrations Around the World" unit into the last part of our social studies/science block. We will learn about Brazil, Greenland, China,

Africa, Germany, and Italy (Just to name a few!)

We will sample various worldly treats and create a few crafts.

#### Math:

Money Money Money!!! We will be adding \$, making change, and estimating dollars. It is very important to count coins and make change at home. This is a skill that 3rd grade students often struggle with. If possible, please practice these skills with your child when you can. :)

#### English/Writing:

We will continue our Reading Response journals this week. Our mini-lessons include responses to fictional and non-fictional writing as well as responses to poetry. We will add journal entries 3 times throughout the week.

We will also tackle Reading Response questions, in regards to our reading stories and non-fictional passages. words, and descriptive, juicy sentences.

