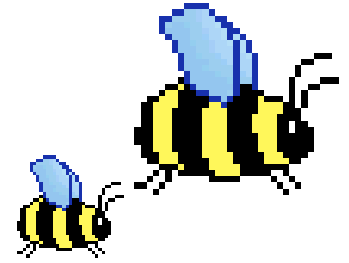


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*December 8-12, 2014

12/8 -12/12

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

Spelling Words

Reading

We will start Unit 15 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words with digraphs and 2 or 3 letter blends.

We will complete pgs. 102-107 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. 11th, we will have spelling test #15 on Unit 15 words.

Unit 15

1. shook
 2. flash
 3. speech
 4. think
 5. strong
 6. cloth
 7. brook
 8. stitch
 9. string
 10. scratch
 11. fresh
 12. spring
 13. switch
 14. stretch
 15. Splash
- Bonus Words**
1. shade
 2. panther
 3. twitch
 4. crouch
 5. hunger



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.

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

✓ Through Grandpa's Eyes test will be on 12/19

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 15 Words on Thursday, Dec. 11th

December PTC Events:

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

School-wide classroom Christmas Party! Friday, December 19th, from 1:30-2:30

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 8-12, 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 continue 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

Last Thursday, students chose an animal of focus to continue our informational writing unit. 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.