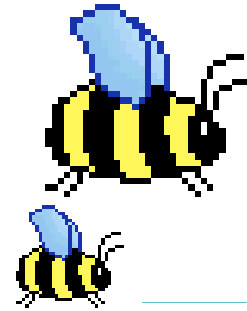


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Mrs. Jones' Third Grade WEEKLY BUZZ



February 20–24, 2012

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Spelling

We started Unit 28 in our Spelling books on Tuesday. These are words with double consonants! On Wednesday, we completed pgs 172-173 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, placed them in ABC order, used them to make fractions, and used the letters to help us with addition! On Thursday, February 23, we will have spelling test #24 on Unit 28 words. We will begin Unit 29 on Friday!

Spelling Words Unit 28

- 1) stopped
- 2) digging
- 3) rubbed
- 4) sitting
- 5) planned
- 6) wrapping
- 7) sledding
- 8) dropped
- 9) scrubbing
- 10) hopped
- 11) putting
- 12) tripped
- 13) swimming
- 14) spotted
- 15) running
- 16) shopping
- 17) spinning
- 18) planning
- 19) hugged
- 20) wrapped



Reading

Uncle Jed's Barber Shop This story shows how many people's dreams are created by hard work, patience and perseverance – especially those who own their own businesses. This story takes place during the Great Depression, when money was scarce and everyone's stocks crashed. Uncle Jed had always wanted to own his own barbershop, but the narrator, his niece Sarah Jean, becomes very ill and needs an operation. Uncle Jed pays the \$300 for the operation even though it means a delay in getting his own barbershop. After Sarah Jean's operation he kept on cutting hair – even when people didn't have money, they gave him eggs, vegetables or hot meals instead. He saved his money and kept his dream. Soon he had enough money for his own shop.

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test Unit 28: Thursday
- ✓ Zoo Field Trip Date: April 13th, 2012! We welcome all families to attend. We go rain or shine!!!
- ✓ ISAT Boot Camp has begun in our classroom and will replace English time for the next 2 weeks
- ✓ PTC Events in Feb. Ice Skating Night 2/24, 7-8:30 Sports Complex Fairview Heights
- ✓ PTC Events Mar/April McTeacher Night 3/6 Trivia Night: 4/14

Weekly Specials Rotation for Feb. 20–24, 2012

M(No School) Tu (Compu) W(PE) Th(Art) F(Music)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We have learned to use cursive in most of our daily activities. The only time we are not using it, (it is NOT required, but some choose to) is on our spelling/ reading tests. We will continue with our poetry cursive journals this month as well!

ISAT Practice Update

We have been focusing on writing responses to extended math questions. These are definitely more challenging than reading responses, but we are trying our best. We are also tackling solid/geometric shapes, deconstructing shapes, and symmetry this week!

Math: Multiplication is going

very well! We realize that we need to memorize fewer and fewer facts each week! We are working so hard! We will complete our multiplication unit this week and begin geometry this week. This unit will include types of lines, rays, segments, angles, and solid/geometric shapes. Don't worry—we will continue mastering our multiplication facts throughout the rest of the school year.

English/Writing:

We will continue our study of "traits of good writers." We will also write persuasive essays, tall tales, fantasies, poems, and finally—extended responses to accompany our approaching ISAT tests! Our "skittle writing" is FANTASTIC! We are working on adding connections to our writing! I'm so proud of our third graders!