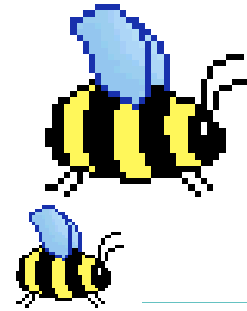


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Mrs. Jones' Third Grade WEEKLY BUZZ



Feb 27—March 2, 2012

2/20—2/24

Spelling

We started Unit 29 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are contraction words! On Monday, we completed pgs 176-177 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, March 1st**, we will have spelling test #24 on Unit 28 words. We will begin Unit 29 on Friday!

Spelling Words Unit 29

- 1) he's
- 2) what's
- 3) don't
- 4) I'm
- 5) that's
- 6) doesn't
- 7) there's
- 8) she's
- 9) isn't
- 10) I'll
- 11) won't
- 12) here's
- 13) didn't
- 14) who's
- 15) can't
- 16) couldn't
- 17) they're
- 18) they've
- 19) weren't
- 20) we're



Reading

City Mouse lives in a hotel in the city, while her cousin, Country Mouse, lives on a farm in the country. The two mice keep in touch by writing letters, but they have never visited each other—that is until now! City Mouse is very excited about going to the country. She buys a special country straw hat and boards the bus. After a long bumpy trip, she finds Country Mouse waiting for her. She also finds that the fresh country air makes her sneeze. After a sleepless night full of strange country noises, she hurries back to the city. Country Mouse has promised to visit City Mouse, so he boards a Mouse-Air plane bound for the city. City Mouse takes Country Mouse to dinner, but he finds nothing on the menu to his liking. After listening to the loud city noises all night, Country Mouse cannot wait to get back to his peaceful country life.

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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 Testing** will begin Tuesday, March 6th.
- ✓ **NO SCHOOL**, Monday March 5, 2012
- ✓ **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. 27—March 2, 2012

M(Library) 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 completed our multiplication unit this week and have started geometry. This unit includes types of lines, rays, segments, angles, and solid/geometric shapes, coordinates, and flips/turns/slides. 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!