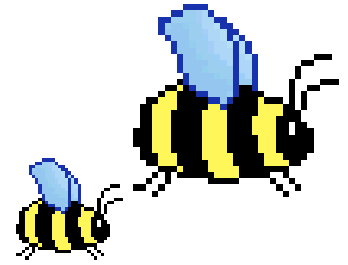


# Whiteside School District 115

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



\*February 6—February 10, 2012\*

2/6—2/10

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

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#### Spelling

We started Unit 26 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words with double consonants—AGAIN! On Monday, we completed pgs 158-159 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, wrote them in cursive, made spelling fractions, looked up our spelling words in the dictionary, and played SPARKLE BOOM! On Thursday, February 9, we will have spelling test #22 on Unit 26 words. We will begin the new Unit 27 on Friday!

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 26

- 1) carry
- 2) bunny
- 3) happy
- 4) muddy
- 5) berry
- 6) furry
- 7) puppy
- 8) sorry
- 9) merry
- 10) jelly
- 11) hurry
- 12) pretty
- 13) cherry
- 14) worry
- 15) funny
- 16) holly
- 17) lobby
- 18) shaggy
- 19) fuzzy
- 20) woolly



#### Reading

*Four Dollars and Fifty Cents* was written by Eric Kimmel and is a story about a cowboy who owes some other cowboys some money – but he doesn't want to pay his debt. In fact, he owes a lot of people money. When he sees Widow Macrae coming to collect a debt, his friends, the Circle K Boys, put him in a coffin and pretend he's dead. Widow Macrae takes him to the graveyard to have a decent burial. Then, he had to either pay up, or he would be buried alive! Then, some cowboys come up to the graveyard looking for trouble. They see Shorty in his coffin, and think they should give him a proper burial too. They try to shut the lid but his nose is too big! They decide to cut-off his nose to be able to shut the lid!

#### Announcements

- ✓ **Reading Test on Friday**
- ✓ **Spelling Test on Unit 26 Words on 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 3 weeks
- ✓ **Cursive Licenses and Calculator Licenses** will be issued soon :)
- ✓ **PTC Events in Feb.**  
Valentine's Class Party: 2/14 @ 1:30, Ice Skating Night 2/24 7-8:30 U.S. Ice Sports Complex Fairview Heights
- ✓ **PTC Events Mar/April**  
McTeacher Night 3/6  
Trivia Night: 4/14

**Weekly Specials Rotation for Feb. 6—Feb. 10, 2012**  
M(P.E.) Tu(Art) W(Music) Th (Library) F(Compu Lab)

### 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 a readings selection. We have also learned about perimeter, area, measurement, and volume. We will continue with these areas this week—AGAIN!

**Math:** Multiplication has begun!!! We will tackle the first

few simple multiplication facts as well as lots of drill and practice. We will begin 15 min facts this week, which will be part of the nightly homework. This homework will be required until all facts are mastered. There is a very special prize for students mastering their multiplication! Best wishes, Students!!

**15 Min Facts** will be coming home this week. Facts will be part of HW each night.

#### English/Writing:

We are starting to use quotations and commas in their proper places this week. We are also going to discuss genres and literary elements. Additionally, we are still studying written responses.

