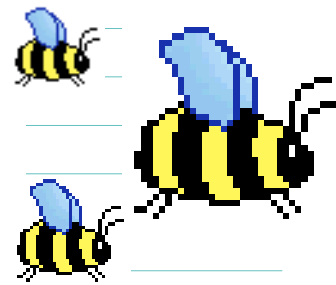




Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 26 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are double consonant words—AGAIN!! On Monday, we completed pgs. 158–160 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, in secret code, with place value blocks, on a keyboard, and we will play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add “spelling stories” and Boggle to our list for word work.

On **Thursday, Feb. 14th**, we will have spelling test #23 on Unit 26 words. This will be in cursive!



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
- Bonus Words**
- 16) holly
- 17) lobby
- 18) shaggy
- 19) fuzzy
- 20) woolly



Reading

The Go-Around Dollar is a realistic fiction piece that has a non-fiction part and a fiction part to it. The story was written by Barbara Johnston Adams. In the non-fiction part of each page, information on how paper money is made, circulated, and monitored is given. All paper money starts its life at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, is sent to one of 12 Federal Reserve Banks across our country and then goes out into public use. In the fiction part of each page, the students will be following a cartoon story of what MIGHT happen to a dollar bill one day.

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 26 Words on Thursday
- ✓ No School: Feb. 18
President's Day
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal on Feb. 20
- ✓ PTC's Family Reading Night: Friday, February 15th
- ✓ Valentine's Party: 1:30—2:30, Thursday, Feb. 14th
- ✓ Our Zoo Field Trip will be in April! “save the dates” will be coming home soon!
- ✓ Six Flags Reading logs were Students may use these as their reading logs for February. :) You do NOT have to “double read.”

Weekly Specials Rotation for February 11–15, 2013
M(Compu) Tu(P.E) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We have learned to use cursive in most of our daily activities.

ISAT Practice Update

We have been focusing on writing responses to a readings selection. We begin a mini unit on geometry and fractions, including angles, shapes, lines, rays, vertices, edges, polygons, and parts/whole. We will

continue with these areas this week as well as measurement!!

Science

Last week, we concluded our study of fish with a “Shocking Sharks” mini lesson. Be sure to ask your shark expert all about our shark facts! This week's topics include a review of fish and birds, as well as a new vertebrate group—Mammals!

Math:

After our quick division preview

(we will come back to this in March), we started Geometry! These kiddos are doing a fabulous job—and are really enjoying it. So far, we have tackled lines, line segments, rays, points, angles, solid/plane figures, congruent, and polygons.

This week, we will study various 2D and 3D shapes. We will discuss vertices, sides, faces, bases, volume, perimeter, and area.

English/Writing:

We are still crazy about dialogue and idioms, but we've shifted our focus to “author's purpose” in writing. We will also learn how to write friendly and formal letters—while focusing on punctuation and sentence structure.

Don't worry— we haven't forgotten about our written responses! We are improving—and finally building confidence.

