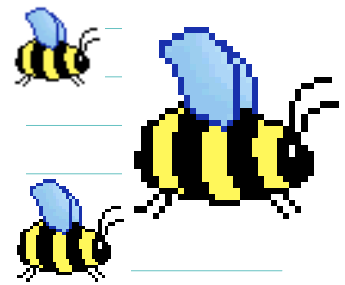


# Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



February 18—February 22, 2013

2/18 - 2/22

## Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

### Spelling Words

### Reading

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### Spelling

### Unit 27

We started Unit 27 in our Spelling books on Tuesday. These are words with the suffix "ing." On Monday, we completed pgs. 164-165-166 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. 21st**, we will have spelling test #24 on Unit 27 words. This will be in cursive!

1. coming
2. skating
3. taking
4. giving
5. choosing
6. smiling
7. baking
8. sliding
9. changing
10. waving
11. leaving
12. making
13. hoping
14. trading
15. having



### Bonus Words

16. facing
17. saving
18. becoming
19. curving
20. loving

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.

### Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 27 Words on Thursday
- ✓ No School: Feb. 18 President's Day
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal on Feb. 20
- ✓ 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 18– 22, 2013  
M(No School) Tu(Compu) W(P.E) Th(Art) F(Music)

### 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

This week's topics include mammals (bats, specifically), and amphibians. We will continue with amphibians (frogs and toads) next week and also begin reptiles (snakes will be our focus).

#### Math:

Geometry is going well! 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. We also will learn about flips, turns, slides, extrusions and inversions!

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.