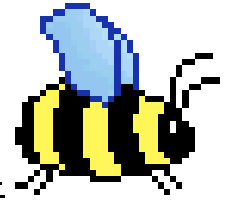


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones'
3rd Grade



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 24 in our Spelling books on Monday. This is a review unit, consisting of words and spelling patterns from units 18—23.

We will complete pgs. 152–157 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also continue word work centers, write our spelling words in fun ways, in secret code, in pyramids, in ABC order, with probability spinners, and in JUICY sentences. As a fun way to review, we will have “study buddies.” Finally, we will add “spelling stories” and Boggle to our list for word work

On **Thursday, Feb. 26th**, we will have spelling test #24 on Unit 24 words.

Spelling Words

Unit 24

1. bore
 2. sir
 3. waste
 4. dare
 5. horses
 6. purse
 7. paw
 8. steel
 9. stair
 10. claw
 11. snore
 12. blur
 13. aware
 14. steal
 15. morning
- Bonus Words**
1. across
 2. before
 3. forget
 4. story
 5. circus



Reading

Kids Did It! In Business is a nonfiction article about real kids who have made their own businesses.

The first story is about a 10-year old boy named Adam who finds “bugs” in computer software. He works for Microsoft and tests programs for the company.

Another 18-year old girl named Ebony started her own fashion design company. In the first 4 months she earned \$1000.

Another boy named Marc created his own greeting cards. He was so overwhelmed with customers, that he hired friends to help him. He gives 10% of his profits to a children’s charity.

The last story is about a girl named Abbey. She created a bacon-cooker for the microwave that decreases the oil and mess. Her invention, “Makin Bacon” can be purchased on her website www.makinbacon.com or at participating Walmart locations. So cool!!

Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 24, Thursday, February 26
- ✓ Kids Did It! Reading Test, February 25th
- ✓ Feb 27—No School, Conferences
- ✓ March 2—No School, Casimir Pulaski (unless we use a snow day before that date, then we will be in session on March 2)

Our **ELEMENTARY SCIENCE NIGHT 2015** is scheduled for April 16th. As a committee member, event planner, and station “runner”, I can say with **GREAT CONFIDENCE** that you will **NOT** want to miss this year’s science fun!!!!

Project Polar Plunge is in effect! For every dollar your child donates to this wonderful fundraiser, we will support the Illinois Special Olympics. Additionally, for each dollar raised, students’ names will be entered into a drawing for fun polar prizes. On Feb. 28, Mr. Rakers, Mr. Johnson, and Nurse Mongeon will take the plunge into Carlyle Lake for the amazing cause!

Apologies—We have had some recent uncontrollable complications with our pregnancy that have forced me into the hospital for short periods of time, and have also forced me on bed rest for 2-3 day increments. Hopefully, things will calm down soon as we get further into our second trimester. I apologize for my recent absences—and any unplanned absences that occur in the future. As I have to remind myself...I am **NOT** in control. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. :)

Weekly Specials Rotation for February 23—27, 2015

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

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive:

Students will begin practicing cursive in their workbooks. Use of cursive is not mandatory in our daily activities or homework yet. :)

We will add “reading cursive writing” to our list of skills this week.

Science:

This week, we will begin our newest unit of study, “Physical Science!” In this unit, we will learn about forces of motion, Newton’s laws, and all about the scientific method. This is a fun unit and requires us to do LOTS of movement!

Math

This week, we will continue with our newest chapter—and it is all about graphing and interpreting data! We will begin with collecting data, creating a variety of graphs (picture, line, and bar) to accompany our data, and finally, we will learn how to read and interpret data in a variety of ways. To conclude, we will discuss line plots.

English

This week, we will continue using our previously learned English and writing skills to create awesome paragraphs and multi-paragraph pieces of writing. Additionally, we will also continue our autobiographies! As we work through this process, we will learn about idioms. We will begin to add these forms of figurative language.

