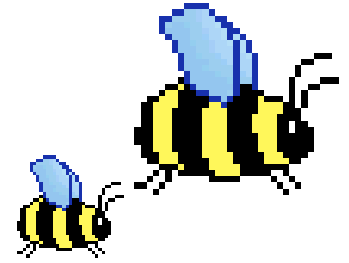


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones'
3rd Grade



*February 9-13, 2015

2/9-2/13

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Volume 8
Issue 22

Spelling

Spelling Words

Reading

We started Unit 22 in our Spelling books this week. These are words that contain the "air" sound, spelled with are, ere, air!

We will complete pgs. 146-151 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. 12th**, we will have spelling test #22 on Unit 22 words.

- Unit 22**
1. bear
 2. air
 3. fare
 4. pear
 5. care
 6. their
 7. hair
 8. bare
 9. fair
 10. there
 11. pair
 12. wear
 13. chair
 14. where
 15. hare
- Bonus Words**
16. armchair
 17. barefoot
 18. farewell
 19. fairytale
 20. somewhere



This week's story, "Alexander," highlights that wise-decision making, though not easy, is very important when one is dealing with money. This story is about Alexander who squanders a sum of money given to him by his grandparents in a very short time, even though he "positively, absolutely" was planning on saving it. It is told with humor and the voice of a young boy. By the stories end, he sadly realizes he has spent all his money on risky or foolish ventures - from gum that quickly loses its flavor; to bets, to garage sale cast-offs. He tried to regain his "richness" by making a tooth fall out looking for coins in the drug-store phone slots, bringing bottles back to the market, and inviting his grandparents back. None are successful money makers

Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 22 Words on Thursday, February 12th.
- ✓ Alexander Who Used to be Rich... test - February 19
- ✓ Feb 13, 1:30-2:30 Class Valentine's Day Party!

February PTC Events

- 20 Friday Family Reading Night at the Elementary School

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!
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!!!! We have a special guest coming for an awesome presentation as well. Entry fees will be \$1 per person, in the family, attending. Be sure to check your child's Bounce Back Folder in March for more information.

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!

Weekly Specials Rotation for February 9-13, 2015
M (Art) Tu (Music) W (Library) Th (Compu) F (P.E)

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 finish our discussion of hazardous/dangerous weather conditions, natural disasters, and the differences between watches and warnings. We will cover tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Math

Our fractions unit went by very quickly. I have never been more impressed by a group of Third Grade students! WOW!

This week, we will shift our focus to measurement. So far, we have covered capacity (in L and mL). We will also discuss linear measurement, as well as volume and mass. We will take our time as we discuss new terminology!

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.