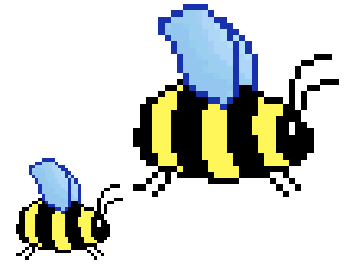


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Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 23 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are more homophones—which mean they sound the same, but are spelled differently! On Monday, we completed pgs 140-141 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, wrote them in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM! On Thursday, January 26, we will have spelling test #19 on Unit 23 words. We will skip review unit 24 and begin the new Unit 25 on Friday!

Spelling Words Unit 23

1. way
2. its
3. owe
4. sell
5. great
6. sail
7. cell
8. scent
9. oh
10. cent
11. it's
12. grate
13. weigh
14. sale
15. sent
16. foul
17. fowl
18. yoke
19. yolk
20. Heal



Reading

Kids Did It! In Business is a non-fiction 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.

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 23 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Yearbook Orders Yearbook Order forms and payment are due Jan 27th.
- ✓ Zoo Field Trip Date: April 13th, 2012!
- ✓ ISAT Boot Camp has begun in our classroom and will replace English time for the next 5 weeks.
- ✓ Cursive Licenses and Calculator Licenses will be issued soon :)

Weekly Specials Rotation for Jan 23—Jan 27, 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.

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:

We begin our in-depth study of the classification of vertebrates this week! Your child will be a regular zoologist by the time we visit the zoo in April. This week's topics include food chains, living vs. non-living, animal needs and habitats.

Math:

We concluded our first 2 sections of subtraction last week! This week, we will focus on subtracting money, multi-step word problems, and counting back change to a dollar and five dollars. Our 4C quiz will be Thursday and the chapter 4 test will be on Friday.

English/Writing:

We completed our study of adjectives! We will conclude Adjectives with fun "winter themed" writing, including Snowmen at Night, Snowflake Bentley, and The Biggest Snowman Ever! We are now studying written responses. This week, we will discuss sentences structure and figurative language—such as similes and metaphors!

