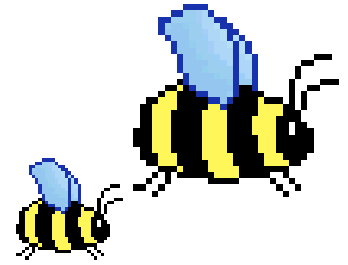


Whiteside School District 115

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



January 30—February 3, 2012

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

1/30—2/3

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Spelling

We started Unit 25 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words containing double consonants! On Monday, we completed pages in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each. This week, we will write them in cursive, write them in shaving cream, place them in ABC order and play SPARKLE BOOM!. On **Thursday, Feb. 2**, we will have spelling test #20 on Unit 25 words. We will begin the new Unit 26 on Friday!

Spelling Words Unit 25

- 1 supper
- 2 happen
- 3 pepper
- 4 kitten
- 5 sudden
- 6 letter
- 7 dinner
- 8 cotton
- 9 lesson
- 10 mitten
- 11 bottom
- 12 summer
- 13 better
- 14 ladder
- 15 ribbon
- 16 carrot
- 17 barrel
- 18 platter
- 19 shutter
- 20 hiccup



Reading

This non-fiction article is 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 25 Words on Thursday**
- ✓ **Zoo Field Trip Date:** April 13th, 2012! We welcome all families to attend. We go rain or shine!!!
- ✓ **ISAT Boot Camp** has begun in our classroom and will replace English time for the next 4 weeks
- ✓ **Cursive Licenses and Calculator Licenses** will be issued soon :)
- ✓ **PTC Events in Feb.**
Valentine's Class Party: 2/14 @ 1:30, Ice Skating Night 2/24 7-8:30 U.S. Ice Sports Complex Fairview Heights
- ✓ **PTC Events Mar/April**
McTeacher Night 3/6
Trivia Night: 4/14

Weekly Specials Rotation for Jan 30—Feb. 3, 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. The only time we are not using it, (it is NOT required, but some choose to) is on our spelling/ reading tests. We will continue with our poetry cursive journals this

month as well!

ISAT Practice Update

We have been focusing on writing responses to a readings selection. We have also learned about perimeter, area, measurement, and volume. We will continue with these areas this week!

Math: Multiplication has begun!!! We will tackle the first

few simple multiplication facts as well as lots of drill and practice. We will begin 15 min facts this week, which will be part of the nightly homework. This homework will be required until all facts are mastered. There is a very special prize for students mastering their multiplication! Best wishes, Students!!

15 Min Facts will be coming home this week. Facts will be part of HW each night.

English/Writing:

We are starting to use quotations and commas in their proper places this week. We are also going to discuss genres and literary elements. Additionally, we are still studying written responses.

