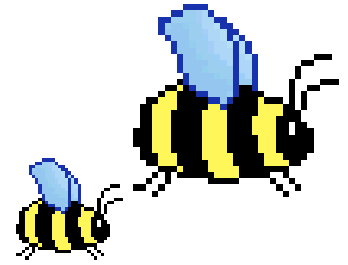


Whiteside School District 115

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, February 3 we will have spelling test #19 on Unit 23 words. We will test on Friday 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

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 23 Words on Thursday
- ✓ NCLB Conference:

I will be attending a conference in Chicago from Monday, Feb. 7 – Thursday, Feb.10. I will return Friday, Feb. 11. If you have any important notes, payments, questions, etc. please hold onto them until I return on the 11th. Hopefully, I will have the same substitute teacher for the duration of the conference. As far as I know, this should be the only time I am away from our classroom this year. :)

Weekly Specials Rotation for Jan 31—Feb 4, 2011
M(Compu Lab) Tu(P.E.) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

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 geometry and fractions, including angles, shapes, lines, rays, vertices, edges, polygons, and parts/ whole. We will continue with these areas this week!

Math:

We concluded our first section 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.

15 Min Facts will be coming home soon (Feb) Please be sure to practice at least 15 mins each night!

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!