

# 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 21 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words that contain the "ir" sound, spelled with ar, ir, ear, or ur! On Monday, we completed pgs 128-129-130 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, Jan 12** we will have spelling test #17 on Unit 21 words. We will begin the new Unit 22 on Friday!

#### Spelling Words Unit 21

1. word
2. fur
3. early
4. circus
5. turn
6. skirt
7. earth
8. work
9. curl
10. learn
11. hurt
12. dirt
13. earn
14. shirt
15. heard
16. curve
17. worm
18. pearl
19. twirl
20. whirl



#### Reading

This week, we will read a wonderful story called, "A New Coat for Anna." This is a heartwarming story about a little girl who grew up during a war. Because of sure hardships her family faced during the war, Anna has to show enough patience to wait for an entire year for her mother to get her a new coat. Since Anna's mother does not have much money, she barter with a farmer, weaver, tailors, and a spinner in exchange for their services!

Vocabulary words for this story are:

1. Weaver
2. Strung
3. Wound
4. Bolt
5. Remained

#### Announcements

- ✓ **Reading Test** on Friday
- ✓ **Spelling Test** on Unit 21 Words on Thursday
- ✓ **No School: Jan 16** for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ✓ **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 Science/ Social Studies time for the next 7 weeks.
- ✓ **Cursive Licenses and Calculator Licenses** will be issued soon :) Please be on the look out for

**Weekly Specials Rotation for Jan. 9—13, 2012**  
M(Art) Tu(Music) W(Library) Th(Compu Lab) F(P.E.)

### 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!

#### Social Studies / Science

Science and Social Studies will take a break after Christmas in order to prepare for ISAT. You won't see ISAT materials coming home yet because we keep most of them at school to practice until February.

#### Math:

We are ready for our first quiz of Chapter 4 this week! We will learn how to subtract across several zeros, subtract money, and subtract by regrouping (borrowing). This will be a challenging week in math!

**15 Min Facts** will be coming home soon! Please be sure to practice multiplication or subtraction facts at least 15 mins each night!

#### English/Writing:

We will continue our study of adjectives this week with several fun activities related to winter! We are also studying written responses. We will discuss various aspects of writing, but most importantly, making connections to ourselves, books we have read, and the world around us!