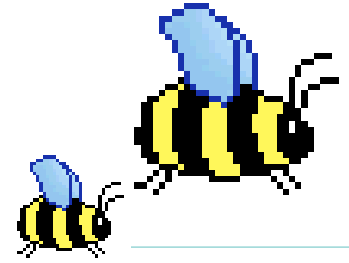




Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



January 14–18, 2013

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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 will also write our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, in ABC Order, in JUICY sentences, scrambled, in a crossword puzzle, and we will play SPARKLE BOOM and spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add “spelling stories” and Boggle to our list for word work.

On **Thursday, Jan. 17**, we will have spelling test #19 on Unit 21 words. This will be in cursive!

Spelling Words Unit 20

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



Reading

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 drugstore phone slots, bringing bottles back to the market, and inviting his grandparents back. None are successful money makers!

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 21 Words on Thursday,
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal on Jan. 16
- ✓ No School: Jan 21 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ✓ No School: Feb. 18 President’s Day
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal on Feb. 20
- ✓ Cursive Licenses and Calculator Licenses will be issued soon :) Please be on the look out for
- ✓ ISAT Boot Camp has begun in our classroom and will replace Science/ Social Studies time for the next 6 weeks.



Weekly Specials Rotation for January 14–18, 2013
 M(P.E) Tu(Art) W(Music) Th(Library) F(Compu)



In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We will continue adding students to our “cool cursive club.” Best wishes, third graders!!!

We will discuss various aspects of writing, but most importantly, making connections to ourselves, books we have read, and the world around us!

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:

This is such an exciting week—we started Ch. 5 MULTIPLICATION! Hooray!! Third Grade students are always very excited

to begin multiplication—they are also shocked at how easily this skill develops.

10 Min Facts will be coming home soon! Please be sure to practice multiplication facts at least 10 mins each night!

We also started “Prove It,” a fun mini unit based on proving your math answers. So far, we have completed fraction and multiplication “prove its!”

English/Writing:

We will 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!

Happy Writing!

