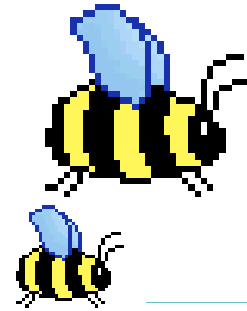




Mrs. Jones'
Third Grade
WEEKLY BUZZ



3/12—3/16

March 12—March 16, 2012

Spelling

Spelling Words
Unit 31

Reading

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We started Unit 31 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are contraction words! On Monday, we completed pgs 188-189 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, used them to practice fractions, wrote them in scrambled form, and played SPARKLE BOOM! On Thursday, March 15th, we will have spelling test #26 on Unit 31 words. We will begin Unit 32 on Friday!

1. lines
2. flags
3. inches
4. dresses
5. pies
6. bushes
7. classes
8. apples
9. colors
10. drums
11. branches
12. things
13. buses
14. benches
15. tracks
16. brushes
17. switches
18. walruses
19. endpoints
20. segments



This week's story is titled "Leah's Pony." Leah's parents are farmers in the Great Plains of the 1930s. Amid locusts and drought, their bank forecloses on its loan, ordering a farm auction. Leah sells her beloved pony and uses the money to bid one dollar for her father's tractor. No one has the heart to outbid her. Her action inspires others at the auction to buy the rest of the goods for ridiculously low bids and return everything to Leah's family.

Vocabulary:

Gully
Cultivate
Auction
Pasture
Saddle

Announcements

- ✓ **Reading Test on Leah's Pony—Thursday**
- ✓ **Spelling Test Unit 31—Friday**
- ✓ **ISAT** Make up testing March 12—15.
- ✓ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** is in progress. =(Be sure to catch up on your missed hour of sleep! Enjoy the sunshine!!
- ✓ **Zoo Field Trip Date:** April 13th, 2012! We welcome all families to attend. We go rain or shine!!!
- ✓ **PTC Events Mar/April**
McTeacher Night 3/6
Trivia Night: 4/14



Weekly Specials Rotation for March 12—16, 2012

M(Music) Tu (Library) W(Compu Lab) Th(P.E) Fr(Art)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

We have begun our "Cool Cursive Club!" So far, we have 8 students with their cursive licenses! Best Wishes, Third Grades!

We will also begin cursive poetry this week. Very soon, all of our work will be in cursive!

Social Studies / Science

We completed our science unit on classification/ ecosystems last week. We have switched over to Social Studies for local/state/federal government. This is a very engaging unit where we create a city council in our classroom, plan city budgets, and create our very own class-

room city. Additionally, we will discuss the three branches of government and briefly touch on each branch's powers/duties.

Math:

We will revisit multiplication and begin division, followed by fractions. Please be ready for our multiplication fact program called, SHOOT FOR THE MOON! It will begin March 12th. I will send more information home soon.

English/Writing:

We will restart unit 6—traits of good writers. We will also break into writer's workshop groups, practice cursive, and develop expository and persuasive writing.

