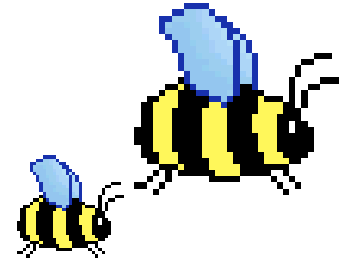


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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### Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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#### Spelling

We started Unit 25 in our Spelling books on Monday. This unit contains words that have "double consonants," such as leTTER and sliPPER.

By Tuesday, we will complete pgs. 164-167 in our spelling books, a spelling task, and spelling scrambles. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and place these words in ABC order for extra practice.

On Thursday, March 5th, we will have spelling test #25 on Unit 25 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

#### 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
- Bonus Words
- 16 carrot
- 17 barrel
- 18 platter
- 19 shutter
- 20 hiccup



#### Reading

This week's story is an African Folktale titled, "A Story, A Story," by Gail E Haley. Many African stories, whether or not they are about Anansi the "spider man," are called, "Spider Stories." This tale is about how that came to be. The African storyteller begins: "We do not really mean, we do not really mean that what we are about to say is true. A Story, a story; let it come, let it go." It tells that long, long ago there were no stories on earth for children to hear. All stories belonged to Nyame, the Sky God. Anansi, the Spider man, wanted to buy some of these stories, so he spun a web up to the sky and went up to bargain with the Sky God. The price the Sky God asked was Osebo, the leopard of the-terrible-teeth, Mmboro the hornet who-stings-like-fire, and Mmoatia the fairy whommennever-see.

#### Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 25, Thursday, March 5th
- ✓ A Story, A Story reading test 3/13
- ✓ Feb 27—No School, Conferences
- ✓ March 2— School is in session due to snow day.
- ✓ March early dismissal day- canceled due to PARCC testing
- ✓ Welcome to Whiteside, Derion Guthrie, the newest member of our 3rd grade family!
- ✓ Tuesday, April 28—ZOO FIELD TRIP! Chaperones are ALWAYS welcome! More info to come in March!
- ✓ PARCC Testing: March 9-12, and 16 (Afternoon only)

Our **ELEMENTARY SCIENCE NIGHT 2015** is scheduled for April 16th.

**Apologies-** We have had some recent uncontrollable complications with our pregnancy that have forced me into the hospital for short periods of time, and have also forced me on bed rest for 2-3 day increments. Hopefully, things will calm down soon as we get further into our second trimester. I apologize for my recent absences—and any unplanned absences that occur in the future. As I have to remind myself...I am NOT in control. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. :)

Weekly Specials Rotation for March 2—6, 2015  
M(Library) Tu(Compu) W(P.E.) Th(Art) F(Music)

### In other buzz-worthy news:



#### Cursive:

Students will begin practicing cursive in their workbooks. Use of cursive is not mandatory in our daily activities or homework yet. :)

#### Science:

Due to our short week last week, we added a mini unit on the Scientific Method, and pushed

our Physical Science Unit back just one week. Students learned how to utilize each step of the method—and complete two labs while practicing the scientific method.

This week, we will begin our newest unit of study, "Physical Science!" In this unit, we will learn about forces of motion, Newton's laws, and all about the scientific method. This is a fun unit and requires us to do LOTS

of movement!

#### Math

This week, we will continue with our newest chapter—and it is all about graphing and interpreting data! We will begin with collecting data, creating a variety of graphs (picture, line, and bar) to accompany our data, and finally, we will learn how to read and interpret data in a variety of ways. To conclude, we will discuss line plots.

#### English

After PARCC Testing, we will begin the MYSTERY GENRE with a very special "Mystery Detectives Unit," complete with spy glasses, hats, and special case files. This is always so much fun! We will complete our first "case file" as a class, but will split into Mystery Book Clubs to "crack the next case!"