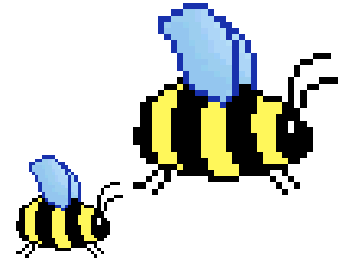


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*March 30–April 3, 2015

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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 29 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are commonly used contractions. Even though we all know not to use contractions in formal writing, we enjoy identifying the two words that create each contraction.

By Tuesday, we will complete pgs. 190–195 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 Wednesday, April 1, we will have spelling test #29 on Unit 29 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

Spelling Words Unit 29

1. must've
 2. I've
 3. we'll
 4. you'll
 5. they'll
 6. she'll
 7. we've
 8. I'll
 9. he'll
 10. should've
 11. won't
 12. who'll
 13. might've
 14. you've
 15. that'll
- Bonus Words**
16. could've
 17. would've
 18. it'll
 19. who'd
 20. how'd



Reading

For the remaining days in March, we will be focusing on an author's study! Our featured author is the beloved Patricia Polacco!

Throughout the next several days, we will read, enjoy, discuss, and complete fun activities that accompany a variety of her most famous and loved books. We will kick off our study with a webquest about Patricia Polacco (author and illustrator).

From there, we will read, *My Rotten Red-Headed Older Brother*, *Just Plain Fancy*, *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, *For the Love of Autumn*, *The Bee Tree*, *Bully*, *Pink and Say*, *Chicken Sunday*, *Emma Kate*, and *The Keeping Quilt*.

To see her full collection of books or printables, feel free to visit: <http://www.patriciapolacco.com/>

Announcements/Events

- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 29 Wednesday, April 1.
- ✓ No Reading Test this week!
- ✓ Tuesday, April 21—ZOO FIELD TRIP! Chaperones are ALWAYS welcome! \$6 per student/adult due March 27th. (background checks must be provided for all chaperones before the office will accept payment for adults. If you have a background check on file at the school—no paperwork is necessary.)
- ✓ May fest and Carnival—May 19

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 30–April 3, 2015

M(Library) Tu(Compu) W(P.E.) Th(No School) F(No School)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive:

We will add cursive to all morning work activities! We will also slowly incorporate cursive into our weekly spelling tests.

Science:

We are taking a quick break from science and switching to Social Studies. When we return, we will pick up with PHYSICAL SCIENCE—specifically Sir Isaac Newton!

Social Studies:

For the next few days, we will discuss the various levels of government, the purpose of government, and the election process. We will host a mock election, in which we learn about the electoral college process—with the help of our red and blue (political party colored) soft drinks, Coke and Pepsi. *no drinking will take place, lol—just voting!

Math

This week, we will continue with the topics of Perimeter and Area. Students will become very familiar with centimeters, inches, and meters as we measure our way throughout the chapter. We will also use our estimation skills to identify perimeter/area of polygons. This is a short chapter! As it concludes, we will jump into geometry.

English

We have just a few more weeks of “intense” writing before we kick-off our MYSTERY GENRE! This special unit will incorporate both reading and English class activities. While studying mysteries and enjoying mystery book clubs, we will use English time to create our own fabulous mysteries! We also have a classroom version of “CLUE” scheduled to kick-off this amazing unit!