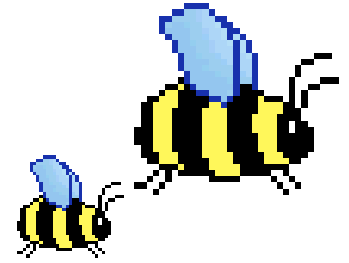


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*May 4—8, 2015

5/4—5/8

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 34 in our Spelling books on Monday. This unit focuses on the suffix “-ly.”

We will complete pgs. 222–227 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, May 7 will have spelling test #34 on Unit 34 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

Just ONE unit left!!!!

Spelling Words

Unit 34

1. slowly
2. mainly
3. badly
4. hourly
5. suddenly
6. lately
7. partly
8. closely
9. really
10. lastly
11. plainly
12. loudly
13. shortly
14. monthly
15. softly

Bonus Words

1. greatly
2. secretly
3. brightly
4. happily
5. easily



Reading

During the month of May, we will study the MYSTERY genre! We will begin our MYSTERY unit with a group read aloud and discussion of the book, “The Invisible Island.”

Students will receive TOP SECRET CASE FILES to accompany our first MYSTERY novel. As we discuss “The Invisible Island,” we will learn MYSTERY vocabulary, take notes, look for clues, make predictions, and select possible suspects!

Once we complete our first MYSTERY novel together, we will form Reading Detective Groups! Each group will receive a MYSTERY novel, weekly reading schedule, and TOP SECRET CASE FILE.

Students will read, discuss, and take notes as they meet together daily during their scheduled times. I will also meet with each group to discuss notes, clues, and predictions they might have. To conclude our MYSTERY genre study, we will create our very own MYSTERY stories!

Announcements/Events

- ✓ Unit 34 Spelling Test – May 7
- ✓ No more reading tests!
- ✓ No more PARCC tests! (WOOHOO!!)
- ✓ Poster Day May 18
- ✓ May fest and Carnival—May 19
- ✓ Crazy Candy Dat—May 20
- ✓ Third Grade Luau—May 21 (9:00—11:20)
- ✓ Last Day of School—May 22 (noon dismissal)

Weekly Specials Rotation for May 4—8, 2015

M(PE) Tu(Ary) W(Music) Th(Library) F(Compu).

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.

Social Studies:

Science is our focus at the moment. :)

Science:

We are still studying Sir Isaac Newton’s three laws. Pushes, pulls, inertia, acceleration, friction, and gravity are just a few words we will discuss and conduct experiments with!

Math

We are still working hard with multiplication and division facts. Facts logs will be coming home soon. We will use a “master in 7 days” approach to learn the trickiest facts! We will study multiplication and division (and their properties) for the remainder of the school year.

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!