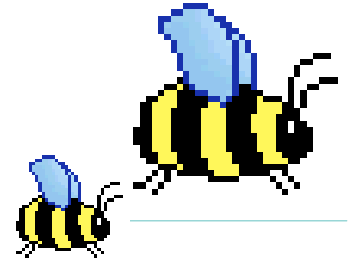


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



November 11 – 15, 2013

11/11 - 11/15

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

We started Unit 12 in our Spelling books Tuesday. These are words that we have studied previously, in chapters 7-11. Our challenge words this week are science vocabulary words to complete the scientific method.

On Tuesday, we will complete pgs. 82-83 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add subtraction word detectives, and word webs to our list of word work.

On Thursday, November 14th, we will have spelling test #12 on Unit 12 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).



Spelling Words Unit 12

1. stripe
2. bail
3. cream
4. blind
5. groan
6. sold
7. thigh
8. bead
9. bait
10. brave
11. fellow
12. rind
13. creep
14. sway
15. grove



Bonus Words:

16. observation
17. procedure
18. hypothesis
19. conclusion
20. materials

Reading

The first story of our "Imagination" unit is titled "Through Grandpa's Eyes." This is a realistic fictional story (which means it has realistic characters doing realistic things, but is not a story about a real person or event). In the story, John is a little boy whose grandfather is blind. Yet sounds, smells, tastes and the ability to touch enrich his life. Young John loves to be with his grandfather and at his house, for when he is there, his own world expands as he closes his eyes and experiences the events of the day as his grandfather does. This story emphasizes how using **imagination** helps one experience the joys and wonders of living, in spite of the loss of one's sight. The grandfather teaches his grandson to mix imagination with the information attained through the use of his senses to appreciate

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 12 Words on Thursday
- ✓ No School—Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal Nov. 20
- ✓ No School Nov. 27-29
- ✓ December 6—Gingerbread Night!
- ✓ Food Drive: ends November 13. If you are able, please send in any non-perishable foods (no glass, please). Our school-wide goal is 800 cans! Thanks!

Weekly Specials Rotation for Nov. 11–15, 2013

M(No School) Tu(Art) W(Music) Th(Library) F(Compu)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

This week, we will practice more cursive during English and Writing. We will also begin slowly working cursive into our spelling activities and tests. Students will have the option of writing in cursive for their final copies of their personal narrative stories.

Science

Last week, we PROVED that we could walk on air—with the help of balloons, tape, and a sturdy table. Thanks to Josh for being our brave scientist! This week, we will shift our focus to Earth Science. We will begin by completing weather and climate investigations.

Math:

Multiplication is going very well! I'm very proud of our third grade students. We have all "mastered" our 2s and 5s. This week, we will focus on multiplying by 3, 4, and 9. We will also complete math journals where we make connections from multiplication to our daily lives. Additionally, we will practice various ways of solving multiplication problems. Be sure to ask your child about "combinations."

English/Writing:

Last week, we started our informational writing unit. This unit involves facts, information, research, vocabulary, and ORGANIZATION! Our first informational piece of writing will focus on bats. Our class has become quite fond of bats and continue to read/research about bats. This has been a great first topic for writing because our class is very interested! Hooray!