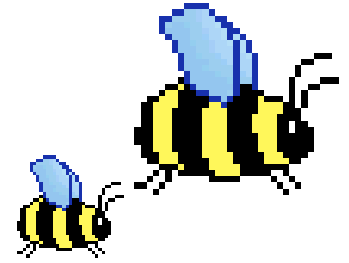


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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11/3–11/7

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

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#### Spelling

We started Unit 11 in our Spelling books Monday. These are words that contain the long "o" vowel—such as soap and snow.

Next week, we will complete pgs. 76–81 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also continue word work centers, write our spelling words in fun ways, in secret code, in pyramids, in ABC Order, with probability spinners, and in JUICY sentences. As a fun way to review, we will have "study buddies."

On **Thursday, Nov. 6th**, we will have spelling test #11 on Unit 11 words.

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 11

1. snow
2. load
3. almost
4. row
5. soak
6. window
7. foam
8. most
9. flow
10. goat
11. throw
12. float
13. blow
14. below
15. soap

##### Bonus Words

16. potato
17. tomato
18. toast
19. loaf
20. swallow



#### Reading

City Critters," is our first story in our city wildlife unit! This is a non-fiction article describing most of the animals that live in cities. It features an urban biologist who explains that many raccoons live in sewers, chimneys and buildings (not only trees!). Squirrels and chipmunks that live near highways are often tested for effects from breathing exhaust fumes, and butterflies can live in backyards or patio plants. The article tells children to use their sense of "observation" to see the wildlife where they live.

There is a very special "observation project" that accompanies this article. Have a great time observing!  
Vocabulary  
1. biologist  
2. skyscraper  
3. urban  
4. migrate  
5. laboratory

- ✓ We will begin "City Critters" on 10/27. This reading test will be on 11/5.
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 11 Words on Nov. 6th
- ✓ No School, Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veteran's day)
- ✓ Nov. 19 Early Dismissal (2:00 P.M.)
- ✓ Nov. 26–28 Thanksgiving Break – No School

#### November PTC Events:

- 4— Tuesday PTC Meeting 7 pm at the Elementary School
- 7—Friday Fun Spot Skating 5–7 pm
- 21— Friday Family Movie Night at the Elementary School MPR

#### Weekly Specials Rotation for November 3—7, 2014

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

#### In other buzz-worthy news:

##### Cursive Writing:

We will slowly introduce cursive writing into our daily activities this year. Most students learned this skill in 2nd grade (Hooray!). We will begin by writing our names, spelling words, and the alphabet in cursive. We will practice daily,

but will NOT start completing tests/classwork in cursive until after winter break.

##### Science:

We will finish our study of "animal-inspired technology" and shift our focus to environmental changes and healthy habits.

##### Math

We will conclude our subtraction study at the beginning of this week. On Wednesday, we will begin MULTIPLICATION!! Unit 4 focuses on the understanding of multiplication as repeated addition, making arrays, and how multiplication and addition are related.

##### English

We will continue our non-fictional writing unit this week. We will continue to discuss text features, using informational text, and how to "read" informational text, while utilizing the writing process. We will also discuss plural nouns within our informational writing. We will focus on regular and irregular nouns.