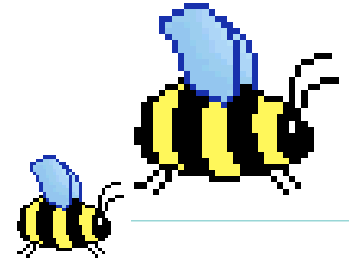




Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones'

3rd Grade



November 4 – 8, 2013

11/4 - 11/8

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

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

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 76–79 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 7th, we will have spelling test #11 on Unit 11 words. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

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

The sixth story of our city wildlife, unit 2 focus, is titled, "Secret Place. This story is about a little boy who finds a quiet place, full of nature, amidst the concrete and clamor of the city. Where a hidden river runs through a cement canyon, the boy and his small band of adult friends find patches of green and evidence that nature has persevered: sparrows, of course, but also green-winged teals, buffleheads, mallards, a white egret and ducklings. Nighttime brings other marvels: a coyote, a mother possum with babies clinging to her back to an inhumane city ordinance.

Vocabulary for "Secret Place"

1. shallow
2. plumes
3. concrete
4. slopes
5. shadowed

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 11 Words on Thursday
- ✓ No School—Nov. 11
Veteran's Day
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal Nov. 20
- ✓ No School Nov. 27–29



Weekly Specials Rotation for Nov. 4–8, 2013

M(Art) Tu(Music) W(Library) Th(Compu) F(PE)

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

We will begin a NEW SCIENCE UNIT titled "Walking on Air." This mini-unit introduces the scientific method to students, prepares them for independent science lab reports/write-ups, and also creates the excitement and anticipation for each science investigation. We will PROVE that TOGETHER, we can WALK ON AIR!

Math:

While we are still perfecting our 2,3, and 4 digit addition and subtraction skills, many of us have moved on to MULTIPLICATION! Although fact practice is very important and helpful for students, with our new "Common Core State Standards," we also want students to explain and create models for HOW multiplication "works" and how it relates to their everyday lives.

English/Writing:

We have placed our amazing narrative writing to the side so that we can focus on a new writing style: informational writing. We started this fun unit with "bats!" We have been comparing and contrasting informational writing and narratives, creating "expert lists," and now we are ready to begin our fact hunts for our first informational writing assignment! Hooray!

