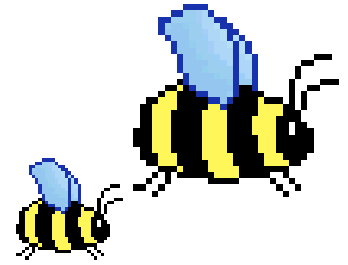


Whiteside School District 115

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



October 3 —October 7, 2011

10/3-10/7

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Spelling Words</u> <u>Unit 8</u>	<u>Reading</u>	Volume 2 Issue 7
We started Unit 8 in our Spelling books last Monday. These are words that contain the long "a" vowel -such as sprain and lay. On Monday, we completed pgs 50-51 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each , wrote them in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On Thursday, Oct 6, we will have spelling test #7 on Unit 8 words. We will begin the new Unit 9 Spelling words on Tuesday!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. aid 2. lay 3. pay 4. chain 5. mail 6. tray 7. paint 8. maybe 9. plain 10. main 11. always 12. pail 13. laid 14. away 15. paid 16. drain 17. sprain 18. tailor 19. stray 20. delay 	<i>The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring</i> is an example of realistic fiction and is set in a city neighborhood. King Shabazz, a little boy, keeps hearing at home and at school that spring is coming but is skeptical, as he has seen no signs of its arrival. He sets out with his pal, Tony, to search his urban neighborhood for signs of spring. Needless to say, in the city setting, signs of wildlife - plant or animal - is a bit harder to come by. But, in the end, the boys find evidence of spring in a vacant lot. They find a little patch of yellow flowers sprouting in the dirt (which they call "crops") and a family of birds and their nest with blue eggs nestled in the front seat of an old car. King Shabazz is finally convinced that, "Spring is here!"	<p><u>Vocabulary</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. crops 2. vacant 3. decorated 4. mound 5. patch 6. margins <p><u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>Reading Test on Friday</u> ✓ <u>Spelling Test on Unit 8 Words on Thursday</u> ✓ <u>Oct 7—Teacher's Institute, NO SCHOOL</u> ✓ <u>Oct 10—Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL</u> ✓ <u>Oct 21—NO SCHOOL (parent-teacher conferences 8:30—11)</u>

Weekly Specials Rotation for October 3—7, 2011
M(Library) T(Compu.) W(P.E) Th(Art) F(Music)

In other buzz-worthy news:

Cursive Writing:

We took our first spelling test in cursive last week (optional), and have started slowly using it in our daily work. This is something we will continue to practice each day!

We also started our Cursive Poetry Journals. !

Social Studies

We completed our first two chapters in Social Studies. We are moving on to Science!

Science

Our first chapter discusses living/non-living things, organisms, cells, and responses (reactions) to environments.

We will begin with plants and move on to animal discussion later in the school year!

Math:

We are still working on Place Value! We will begin Chapter 2, Section B this week! We will discuss greater than/ less than, as well as more ways to write numbers! We will continue at our "slow and careful" speed!

English/Writing:

We have completed Ch 2. We will have a quiz Wednesday on the various types of nouns, including possessive singular and plural nouns.

In writing, we have launched writing workshop! We love listening to classical music while we write!