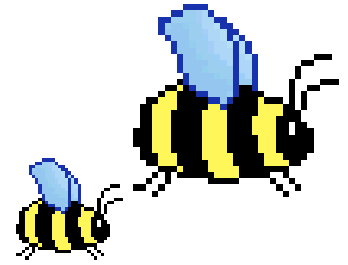


# Whiteside School District 115

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



\*October 10—October 14, 2011\*

10/10—10/14

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

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#### Spelling

We started Unit 9 in our Spelling books last Monday. These are words that contain the long "e" vowel—such as leave and street. On Monday, we completed pgs 56-57 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 13th**, we will have spelling test #7 on Unit 9 words. We will test on Friday and begin the new Unit 10 Spelling words on Friday.

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 9

sheep  
dream  
street  
east  
treat  
mean  
wheels  
peace  
real  
cheese  
leave  
stream  
sweet  
teacher  
heat  
peanut  
scream  
peacock  
Greet  
sleeping



"City Critters," is our second story in our city wildlife unit! This story is a non-fiction article describing all 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.

1. biologist
2. skyscraper
3. urban
4. migrate
5. laboratory

#### Announcements

- ✓ **Reading Test** on Friday
- ✓ **Spelling Test** on Unit 9 Words on Thursday
- ✓ **Picture Day! Tuesday, October 28th.** Please look for envelopes coming home soon. (as soon as we get them, we'll send them home.)
- ✓ **Spaghetti Dinner, Wednesday, October 19**
- ✓ **Book Fair! Oct 14—20,** we will go during our Library time =)

#### Weekly Specials Rotation for October 10—14, 2011

M (No School) Tu (Music) W (Library) Th (Compu) F (P.E)

### In other buzz-worthy news:



#### Cursive Writing:

We took our second 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 second

poem in our Cursive Poetry Journals!!!!

#### Social Studies

We will begin our Communities and Geography mini-unit this week!

#### Science

The last section of our chapter involved conifers, the life cycle of a plant, and how seeds are

made. We dissected lima beans last week to view the embryos, seed coat, and "meat" of the seed. We will also reviewed and will have an open book test on Chapter 1 on Friday.

#### Math:

We discussed comparing numbers, ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 last week. We will review rounding this week and

#### English/Writing:

We have almost finished chapter 1, but we will be taking a short break this week to complete our fun October writing, such as Monsters in a Jar, Leaf People, and Rotten Recipes during writing workshop! Look for these coming home soon and enjoy! Our kiddos are working very hard on them!