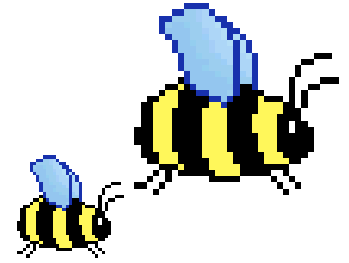


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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

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#### Spelling

We will start Unit 8 in our Spelling books on Tuesday. These are words that contain the long "a" vowel –such as sprain and lay.

Next week, we will complete pgs. 58–63 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, Oct 16th**, we will have spelling test #8 on Unit 8 words.

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 8

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
- Bonus Words**
16. drain
  17. sprain
  18. tailor
  19. stray
  20. delay



#### Reading

This week's story is titled, The Legend of Damon and Pythias. It is a play that has been adapted from Greek mythology. In Greek mythology, the legend of the boys named Damon and Pythias symbolizes trust and loyalty in a true friendship. We will have fun discussing this myth, as well as using reader's theater to illustrate the key friendship components.

##### Vocabulary

1. tyrant
2. rebel
3. appointed
4. traitor
5. honorable

##### Skills:

We will cover Cause/Effect, Main Idea/Details, Sequencing, Character Traits, and Summarizing with this story.

✓ Reading Test on "Legend of Damon and Pythias, October 22nd

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 8 Words on Oct. 16th

✓ **NO SCHOOL** 10/13

##### October PTC Events:

14—Tuesday **Scholastic Book Fair** thru October 20th

15—Wednesday **Spaghetti Dinner** in Elementary School MPR

17—Friday **Fun Spot** Skating 5–7 pm

18—Saturday **Trick or Trunk**

### Weekly Specials Rotation for October 13–17, 2014

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

### 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 continue our final two investigations in our Life Science Unit this week. We will discuss changes in the environment and healthy habits. As a culminating activity, we will earn the final two

clues about Ft. Collins, Colorado!!!

#### Math

This week, we will begin Unit 3 Subtraction! We will discuss estimation, subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers, regrouping, and subtracting across zeros (and money). This can be a tricky unit for many third grade students.

The key is to subtract SLOWLY and carefully.

#### English

Our personal narratives are really coming along well! This tends to be a lengthy process, but the final results are AMAZING! We are busy editing, revising, and working on subject-verb agreement. These are going to be FABULOUS!

