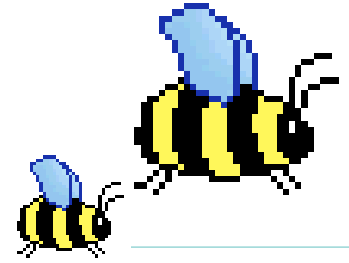




Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



October 14 – 18, 2013

10/14 - 10/18

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

We started Unit 8 on Friday during cursive time. These are words that contain the long "a" vowel—such as sprain and lay.

On Tuesday, we will complete pgs. 58–61 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-toe charts, write JUICY sentences, and play spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add "rounding," word detectives, and word webs to our list for word work.

On Thursday, October 17th, we will have spelling test #8. We will continue using cursive on our spelling tests this week (on words in which we feel comfortable).

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

The third story of our city wildlife, unit 2 focus, is titled, "Make Way for Duckling." It's not easy for duck parents to find a safe place to bring up their ducklings! During a rest stop in Boston's Public Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard think they just might have found the perfect spot—no foxes or turtles in sight, plenty of peanuts from pleasant passers-by, and the benevolent instincts of a kindly police officer to boot! Enjoy reading this wonderful story!

VOCABULARY

enormous – very large, huge
delighted – very happy, pleased
cozy – warm and comfortable
bursting – filled and overflowing with strong emotion
responsibility – important job, duty
beckoned – made a sign or

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 8 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Our behavior is still AMAZING! Kudos to our awesome parents!! This class is such a joy!
- ✓ Oct. 14 Columbus Day – No School
- ✓ Spaghetti Dinner: Oct 16. Tuesday is the last day to purchase Spaghetti Dinner tickets in advance. Tickets will also be available at the door. The Booster Club will be here that night selling WS apparel. Glee Club and Band will be performing and the book fair will also be open that night. Busy night! (I'll be at the "soda station" from 4-5:30)
- ✓ Picture Day, October 30th
- ✓ Halloween Class Party: Oct 31, 1:30–2:30



Weekly Specials Rotation for October 14–18, 2013
 M(No School) Tu(PE) W(Art) Th(Music) F(Library)

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 conclude our Life Science Unit this week. (We have had so much fun working as "biologists!") As a culminating activity, we will earn the final two clues about Ft. Collins, Colorado!!!! (Some of our classmates have EXCELLENT ideas—and a few have guessed correctly! Hooray!)

Math:

We will shift our focus to adding and subtracting 2, 3, and 4 digit numbers. We will also practice adding and subtracting across zeros and regrouping. This will be in addition to some daily "multiplication fact practice." Throughout November, we will be assigned 3–4 multiplication facts to "memorize." To ensure success, we will take mini-quizzes each day for practice too!

English/Writing:

This week, we will put the finishing touches on our "SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF GROWN-UPS" mini-writing unit. Please be sure to ask your child about this fabulous story and lesson we completed in class. They are definitely creative Third Graders!!! We will still practice dialogue, adding details, vivid verbs, and amazing adjectives.

