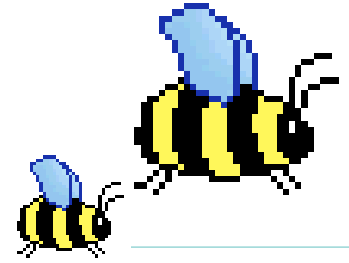




# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



October 1–5, 2012

10/1 - 10/5

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

#### Spelling

We started Unit 7 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain vowel – consonant–e such as “state” and “flame.”

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 44–47 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words 5 times each, in ABC Order, in JUICY sentences, and we will play SPARKLE BOOM and spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add “place value spelling” to our list for word work and WORD DETECTIVES!

On Thursday, October 4th, we will have spelling test #6 on Unit 7 words. We will skip review unit 6 and begin the new Unit 8 on Tuesday, October 11th. Unit 8 will be the first spelling test we take in cursive!

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 7

1. state
  2. close
  3. slide
  4. face
  5. globe
  6. pave
  7. size
  8. smoke
  9. flame
  10. broke
  11. prize
  12. skate
  13. smile
  14. plane
  15. stone
- Bonus Words**
16. grace
  17. ripen
  18. siren
  19. erase
  20. shone



#### Reading

*The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring* 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!”

##### Vocabulary

1. crops
2. vacant
3. decorated
4. mound
5. patch

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##### Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Thursday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 7 Words on Thursday,
- ✓ We are well on our way to a THIRD party! I'm so proud of your child!
- ✓ Oct 5—Teacher's Institute, NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Oct 8—Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal October 17th.

### Weekly Specials Rotation for October 1–5, 2012

M (P.E.) Tu (Art) W (Music.) Th (Library) F (NO SCHOOL)

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive Writing:

We will take our first spelling test in cursive next week 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!

#### Science

We are very excited to start our first unit of science, Plants and Animals. The first few lessons discuss living vs. non-living, organisms, life cycles, metamorphosis, cells, as well as cell structures. We will look closely at plant and animal cells—comparing and contrasting the two structures as we learn.

#### Math:

We are still in Chapter 2, but have moved onto Section B. In this section, we compare numbers, use <, >, = to show comparisons, order numbers, and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000. We will need to spend extra time working, practicing, and studying this section as well to ensure we master it!

#### English/Writing:

We are almost finished with Unit 7, and our writing is already improving! We are still focusing on exciting beginnings, organization, transition words, commas in a series, and good endings. Next week, we will begin Unit 1, subjects and predicates. We will also discuss nouns: common, proper, plural, and singular.

Happy Writing!

