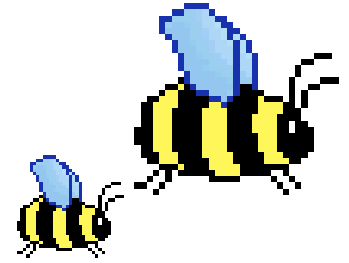


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



\*October 20–24, 2014

10/20 - 10/24/

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

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#### Spelling

We will start Unit 9 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words that contain the "ee" and "ea" vowel sound.

Next week, we will complete pgs. 64–69 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 **Wednesday, Oct 22nd**, we will have spelling test #9 on Unit 9 words.

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 9

1. sheep
2. dream
3. street
4. east
5. treat
6. mean
7. wheels
8. peace
9. real

10. cheese
11. leave
12. stream
13. sweet
14. teacher
15. heat

##### Bonus Words

1. peanut
2. scream
3. peacock
4. greet
5. sleeping



#### 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

✓ We will begin "City Critters" on 10/27. This reading test will be on 11/5.

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 9 Words on Oct. 22nd

✓ **NO SCHOOL** 10/23  
10/24

##### November PTC Events:

4— Tuesday PTC Meeting 7 pm at the Elementary School

7—Friday Fun Spot Skating 5–7 pm

21— Friday Family Movie Night at the Elementary School MPR

### Weekly Specials Rotation for October 20–24, 2014

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

### 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 investigation in our Life Science Unit this week. We will discuss healthy habits. As a culminating activity, we will earn the final two clues about Ft. Collins,

Colorado!!!

#### Math

We will continue our study of Unit 3. 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

We will put the finishing touches on our personal narratives this week and then begin a fun project. As a culminating activity and tie-in to our first reading unit (friendship), we will create the "perfect recipes for friendship" with a classroom buddy. We will discuss various character traits that great friends possess.

