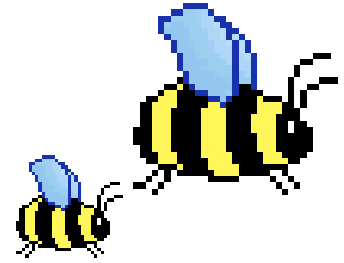


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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10/27 - 10/31

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 10 in our Spelling books on Monday. These are words that contain the "long i" vowel sound.

Next week, we will complete pgs. 70–75 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 30th**, we will have spelling test #10 on Unit 10 words.

Spelling Words

Unit 10

1. night
2. bright
3. find
4. light
5. wild
6. high
7. blind
8. fight
9. sight
10. kind
11. sign
12. knight
13. mild
14. right
15. sigh

Bonus Words

16. nightmare
17. highlight
18. grind
19. rewind
20. wildcat



Reading

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

There is a very special "observation project" that accompanies this article. Have a great time observing!
Vocabulary
1. biologist
2. skyscraper
3. urban
4. migrate
5 laboratory

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

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 10 Words on Oct. 30th

✓ We earned our THIRD compliment party!! Our behavior is SPECTACULAR. Kudos to our awesome parents!!!!

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 27–31, 2014

M (Music) Tu (Library) W (Compu) Th (P.E.) F (Art)

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. (The Glee practices held us back a few days in science) 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

English

We will begin our non-fictional writing unit this week. This unit will relate very well to our newest reading unit, which includes several informational articles. We will discuss text features, using informational text, and how to "read" informational text, while utilizing the writing process.

