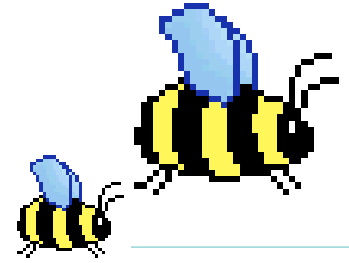




Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones'

3rd Grade



October 8—12, 2012

10/8 - 10/12

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

Spelling

We started Unit 8 in our Spelling books Monday. These are words that contain the long "a" vowel—such as sprain and lay.

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 50–51 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words 3 times each in cursive, in ABC Order, in JUICY sentences, and we will play SPARKLE BOOM and spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add "rounding spelling" to our list for word work and WORD DETECTIVES!

On Thursday, October 11th, we will have spelling test #7 on Unit 8 words. This will be the first spelling test we take in cursive! We will begin Unit 9 on Friday.

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

"City Critters," is our second 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

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Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 8 Words on Thursday.
- ✓ We are well on our way to a THIRD party! I'm so proud of your child!
- ✓ Oct 8—Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 2:00 Dismissal October 17th.
- ✓ Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Order Forms have been sent home.
- ✓ Trick or Trunk information will be coming soon@
- ✓ School Picture information will be coming home soon@
- ✓ Boot It has started in our classroom!

Weekly Specials Rotation for October 8—12, 2012

M(NO SCHOOL) Tu (Compu) W (P.E.) Th (Art) Fr (Music.)

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 poetry journals!

Science

This week, we will also discuss responses (reactions) to environments. We will begin with plants and move on to animal discussion later in the school year! The last section of our chapter involved conifers, the life cycle of a plant, and how seeds are made. We will dissected lima beans to view the embryos, seed coat, and "meat" of the seed.

Math:

We FLEW through Ch 2, Section B, in which we compare numbers, use <, >, = to show comparisons, order numbers, and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000. Our 2B quiz will be this week (check the agenda). Section C is time. We will discuss time to the nearest minute, 5 min., 15 min., using various ways to write the time, and elapsed time. We will DEFINITELY take our TIME with TIME.

English/Writing:

We will begin Unit 1, subjects and predicates.

We will also discuss nouns: common, proper, plural, and isingular.

Happy Writing!

