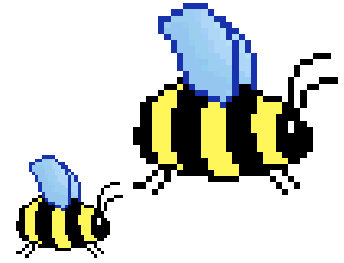


# Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones'  
3rd Grade



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Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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## Spelling

We started Unit 3 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain a short "u" vowel sound.

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 20–21 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.

On Thursday, September 20th, we will have spelling test #4 on Unit 4 words. We will begin the new Unit 5 Spelling words on Friday, September 21st.

## Spelling Words Unit 4

- boil
  - join
  - voice
  - oil
  - paint
  - soil
  - proud
  - loud
  - house
  - cloud
  - sound
  - round
  - south
  - found
  - ground
- Bonus Words**
- broil
  - ointment
  - outfit
  - trout
  - scout



## Reading

This story discusses the courage of three men: Jackie Robinson who became the first African-American baseball player in the major leagues: Branch Rickey, who hired Robinson to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers; and Pee Wee Reese, who befriended Jackie Robinson and risked the rejection of his teammates and fans.

This is a VERY difficult story for 3rd grade students, but an excellent one to read! We will spend EXTRA time going over vocabulary, main ideas, and characters.

### Vocabulary

- exist
- extraordinary
- apathetic
- intimidate
- experiment

We will test on this story on Friday, September 21st.  
Best Wishes, Third Graders!

## Announcements

- ✓ Wednesday, Sept. 19 is a 2:00 dismissal day for students
- ✓ Reading Test on Friday—we will complete this independently with assistance when needed.
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 4 Words on Thursday,
- ✓ We earned our SECOND Compliment Party!! (This is going to be a very expensive year!) I'm so proud of your child! WOW!!!!
- ✓ Please be sure to send \$5 to the main office to purchase recorders for Music Class.

Weekly Specials Rotation for September 17–21, 2012

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

In other buzz-worthy news:

### Cursive Writing:

We will slowly introduce cursive writing to our third grade students this year. Most students have learned parts of this skill in 2nd grade. We will begin by writing our names and the alphabet in cursive. We will practice daily, but will NOT start completing tests/classwork in cursive until after winter break.

### Social Studies

We have had GREAT discussions about various communities, as well as our own communities. We are very mindful of community helpers—and how they contribute to our communities. This week, we will focus on city government! We will discuss the election process, citizenship, elect a mayor and hold four city council meetings! It's going to be a great two weeks!

### Math:

We have shifted our focus to Place Value in Chapter 2. This chapter is one of the most DIFFICULT for 3rd Grade students. We will discuss place value to the 10s, 100s, and 1000s place, write in various forms, and hopefully develop an in-depth knowledge of number sense. We will need to spend extra time working, practicing, and studying this chapter to ensure we master it!

### English/Writing:

We completed Unit 5 with FLYING COLORS! Now, we will focus on utilizing those learned skills in our writing. We will begin Unit 1 in English and continue our five-square writing! We will publish our second piece of writing this week! Happy Writing! We will practice, practice, practice!!

