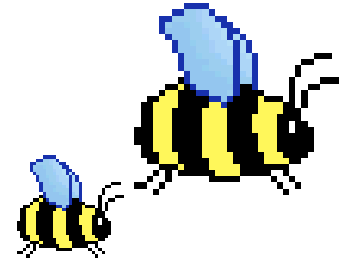


# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



\*September 23—27, 2013

9/23 - 9/27

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

#### Spelling

We started Unit 5 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain the "oo" sounds, spelled "oo" or "ew."

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 38—39 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words in fun ways, in secret code, in pyramids, in ABC Order, and in JUICY sentences. We will also practice them in sign language and play spelling bingo for extra practice.

On Thursday, September 26th, we will have spelling test #5 on Unit 5 words. We will skip review unit 6 and begin Unit 7 Spelling words on Monday.

#### Spelling Words

##### Unit 5

1. crew
2. loose
3. news
4. school
5. drew
6. knew
7. smooth
8. pool
9. shoot
10. threw



11. roof
12. fool
13. chew
14. balloon
15. choose

##### Bonus Words

16. stew
17. scoop
18. kangaroo
19. mushroom
20. toadstool

#### 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.

We will test on this story on Friday, Sept. 27th

##### Vocabulary

1. tyrant
2. rebel
3. appointed
4. traitor
5. honorable

We will test on Friday!  
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##### Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday—we will complete this independently with assistance when needed.
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 5 Words on Thursday,
- ✓ Yankee Candle sales are optional. This fundraiser will continue until October 4th.

### Weekly Specials Rotation for September 23—27, 2013

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

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive Writing:

We are still slowly incorporating cursive into our daily routines. At this point, we are learning how to read cursive writing. We will work at our own pace in our cursive workbooks in our free time. Students will soon earn their CURSIVE License!

#### Science

This week, we will focus on Life Science. We will discuss life cycles, biology, animal behaviors, cells, and heredity. Additionally, we will work together in order to solve the "Mystery of the Disappearing City." Be sure to ask your child about Ft. Collins and the mysterious events that took place.

#### Math:

We are continuing time this week, with our main focus placed on elapsed time. This is an incredibly difficult task for 3rd grade students to comprehend and master, so we will utilize our math time to practice this skill. We will complete practice pages, task cards, and two centers that focus on elapsed time.

#### English/Writing:

We struggled with dialogue at first, but now we are really improving! We will complete a few more activities before we are ready to add dialogue to our narrative. It is almost time to publish our first stories! In English, we are focusing on commas in a series, adding adjectives, and writing with expression.

