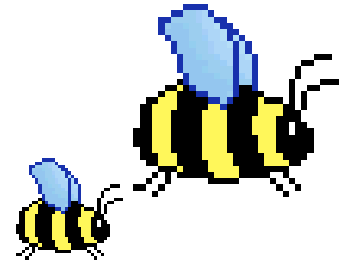


Whiteside School District 115

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



September 26—September 30, 2011

9/26—9/30

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We started Unit 7 in our Spelling books last Friday. These are words that contain vowel-consonant-e such as "state" and "flame." On Monday, we completed pgs 44-45 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, wrote them in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On **Thursday, Sept. 29**, we will have spelling test #6 on Unit 7 words. We will test on Friday and begin the new Unit 8 Spelling words on Friday. **(We skip Unit 6 because it is a review unit)**

Spelling Words

Unit 7

1. state
2. close
3. slide
4. face
5. globe
6. pave
7. size
8. smoke
9. flame
10. broke
11. prize
12. skate
13. smile
14. plane
15. stone
16. grace
17. ripen
18. siren
19. erase
20. shone



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 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. 30th

Vocabulary

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

Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 7 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Book Begins this Saturday, Oct. 1st! Best wishes, readers!!



Weekly Specials Rotation for September 26—September 30

M (Library) Tu(Computer) W(P.E.) Th(Art) Fr(Music)

In other buzz-worthy news:



Cursive Writing:

We have been slowly introducing cursive during spelling time. In the next few weeks, we will begin incorporating cursive into English and writing! Morning work will be completed in cursive beginning in October =)

Social Studies

We will complete our final portions of our Communities Unit in Social Studies this week. We are moving on to Science next!

Science

Our first chapter discusses living/non-living things, organisms, cells, and responses (reactions) to environments. We will begin

with plants and move on to animal discussion later in the school year!

Math:

We have continued our study of place value. We are starting slowly, and easily, to ensure mastery at each level before moving on in our books. This is an extremely difficult chapter, where we typically see our lowest math grades. :) Please let me know if your child needs more resources at home.

English/Writing:

We started subjects and predicates this week. We will continue on with pronouns, common/proper nouns, possessive nouns, plural and singular nouns. In writing, we completed our first 6 lessons on "traits of good writers." We will also continue to improve our editing skills.