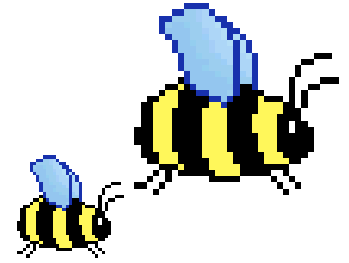


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*September 15- 19, 2014

9/15—9/19

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 4 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain a "oi" or "ou" vowel sounds.

Next week, we will complete pgs. 32-37 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also begin word work centers, write our spelling words in fun ways, in secret code, in pyramids, in ABC Order, and in JUICY sentences. As a fun way to review, we will have "study buddies."

On **Thursday, Sept 18th**, we will have spelling test #4 on Unit 4 words. We will begin the new Unit 5 Spelling words on Friday, Sept. 19th.

Spelling Words Unit 4

1. boil
2. join
3. voice
4. oil
5. paint
6. soil
7. proud
8. loud
9. house
10. cloud
11. sound
12. round
13. south
14. found
15. ground

Bonus Words

16. broil
17. ointment
18. outfit
19. trout
20. scout

Reading

Our second reading story is, "Angel Child, Dragon Child. In this story, Ut, a Vietnamese girl, who attends school in the United States, is lonely and missing her mother still living in Vietnam. She makes a new friend with the class bully, who presents her with a wonderful gift.

Our "AC/DC" test will be on September 17th. We will complete this test independently, while remembering to list key events of the story and focusing on "juicy writing." This test will include comprehension, short answer, multiple choice, and vocabulary.

Skills:

We will cover Cause/Effect, Main Idea/Details, Sequencing, Character Traits, and Summarizing with this story.

✓ Reading Test on Angel Child, Dragon Child, Sept 17

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 4 Words on Sept. 18th

✓ Be sure to ask your child about our class COMPLIMENTS! We earned our **SECOND** party!

✓ Glee Club Practices begin! (Wed and Fri during lunch recess)

✓ 2:00 Dismissal on September 17th.

September P.T.C. Events:

I am so sorry I missed many of you at the **Camp Out!** We had a wedding to attend. I heard it was a **BLAST!**

Sept. 19—Friday Fun Spot Skate Night 5-7 pm

Sept. 19—Friday Grandparents (of Kindergarteners) Lunch

Weekly Specials Rotation for September 15-19, 2014

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

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 dai-

ly, but will NOT start completing tests/classwork in cursive until after winter break.

Science:

We will conclude "Walking on Air" this Tuesday and will begin our first science unit, titled, "Life Science." We will conduct experiments, learn about the scientific method, and focus on

the plant/animal world around us. This unit will conclude in December.

Math

This week, we will begin Unit 2: Addition Properties. We will add 3-4 digit numbers, as well as regroup. Finally we will discuss the Three Properties of Addition.

English

We will begin our Personal Narratives this week! This tends to be a lengthy process, but the final results are **AMAZING!** Please be sure to help your child remember a special moment in his/her life, for this project beginning on September 15th. Thank you in advance!