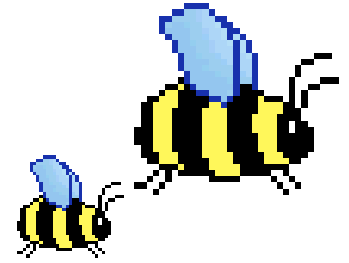


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



*September 1—5, 2014

9/1—9/5

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

We will start Unit 2 in our Spelling books on Friday. These are words that contain either a short "e" vowel sound or a short "o" vowel sound.

Next week, we complete pgs. 14—19 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also write our spelling words in various ways! We will use math skills as well to practice our spelling words. To review, we will play SPARKLE BOOM!.

On **Thursday, Sept 4th**, we will have spelling test #2 on Unit 2 words. We will begin the new Unit 3 Spelling words on Friday, Sept. 5th.

Spelling Words Unit 2

1. crop
2. test
3. clock
4. spent
5. drop
6. left
7. sled
8. plot
9. spend
10. west
11. block
12. tent
13. desk
14. flock
15. nest



Bonus Words (these are tested too!)

16. lemon
17. welcome
18. necklace
19. empty
20. pocket

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.

Vocabulary Words:

- Jangled
- Twittered
- Gleamed
- Darted

✓ Reading Test on Gloria, Sept 5.

✓ Spelling Test on Unit 2 Words on Sept. 4th

✓ Be sure to ask your child about our class COMPLIMENTS! We are off to a stellar star!

✓ No School: September 1 (Labor Day)

✓ 2:00 Dismissal on September 17th.

September PTC Events:

Sept 2—Tuesday PTC Meeting 7 pm at the Elementary School

Sept 12—Friday School Camp Out at the Elementary Lawn

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

Sept. 19—Friday Grandparents (of Kindergarteners) Lunch

Weekly Specials Rotation for September 1—5, 2014

M (No School) 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.

Social Studies

We will continue our study of globes, maps, compasses, directions, oceans, and continents. Students will be tested on the seven continents and 4 oceans (although some

people consider the "Southern Ocean" to be the 5th ocean.)

Math:

We will continue Unit 1: Place Value. This particular unit of study focuses on place value to the ten thousands place. Rounding to the 10s and 100s place will be the most challenging skill of this unit.

English/Writing:

This week, we will start our 5 mini-lesson unit on how to begin writing and "CAFÉ" skill building for reading strategies! We will practice several skills in our "Writer's Notebooks" to help us when we begin writing expository essays soon! I am so proud of our great listening!!!!

