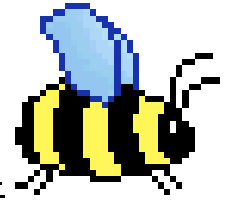


Weekly Buzz

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade



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9/22-9/26

Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

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Spelling

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

Next week, we will complete pgs. 38-43 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also continue 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 25th**, we will have spelling test #5 on Unit 4 words. We will begin the new Unit 6 Spelling words on Friday, Sept. 19th. This is a review unit of units 1-5.

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

The next story in the Friendship Unit is called "Rugby and Rosie". This realistic fictional text is told in the first person narrative by a young boy. It takes a look at the bond between people and pets. It highlights the emotions that come with new relationships and growing attachments. Rugby and Rosie teach us that sometimes, friends must let go—even if the ties between them are strong, so each can follow their own path in life. We will also learn about service pets, as Rosie is training to become a guide dog for the blind.

Our R/R test will be on September 29th. 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.

- ✓ Reading Test on Rugby and Rosie, Sept 29th
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 5 Words on Sept. 25th
- ✓ Glee Club Practices begin! (Wed and Fri during lunch recess)
- ✓ I will not be present on Friday, Sept: 26th. Please refrain from sending important emails/notes/ payments on that day. Thank you so much!

October PTC Events:

- 7—Tuesday **PTC Meeting** 7 pm at the Middle School
- 14—Tuesday **Scholastic Book Fair** thru October 20th
- 15—Wednesday **Spaghetti Dinner** in Elementary School MPR
- 17—Friday **Fun Spot** Skating 5-7 pm
- 18—Saturday **Trick or Trunk**

Weekly Specials Rotation for September 22-26, 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:

This week, we will continue our first science unit, titled, "Life Science." We will focus on life cycles, making observations, and animal behavior. This unit will conclude in December.

Math

This week, we will continue with Unit 2: Addition. We discussed the three properties of addition: commutative ("switcheroo"), associative ("friendship, parentheses"), and identity ("zero rule"). This week, we will focus on using those properties to assist us in addition. We will also learn to use tables and 100s charts.

English

Our personal narratives are really coming along well! This tends to be a lengthy process, but the final results are AMAZING! We created brainstorm maps and have finally started putting our rough drafts (sloppy copies) together. Next stop: revising.

