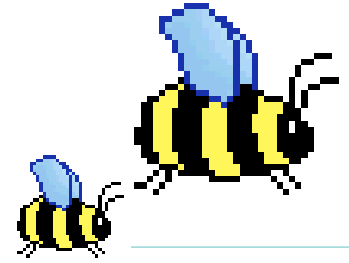




# Weekly Buzz

## Mrs. Jones'

### 3rd Grade



September 30—October 4, 2013

09\30—10\4

## Spelling Test! Reading Test! OH MY!

### Spelling

We started Review Unit 6 in our Spelling books on Friday. We typically skip these units, but our new spelling books offer excellent review skills that students will need to build upon for future lessons. :)

On Monday, we will complete pgs. 44-45 in our spelling books for extra practice. We will also complete spelling tic-tac-know charts, write JUICY sentences, and spelling bingo for extra practice. Finally, we will add "place value spelling," word detectives, and word webs to our list for word work.

On **Thursday, October 3rd**, we will have spelling test #6. Challenge words this week are some of the "most missed" words during English and Writing.

### Spelling Words

#### Review Unit 6

1. hound
2. bent
3. son
4. trim
5. toil
6. damp
7. fund
8. groom
9. shock
10. coop
11. ton
12. stout
13. track
14. troop
15. lend

#### Bonus Words

16. nothing
17. because
18. where
19. were
20. maybe



### Reading

*The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring* is an example of realistic fiction and is set in a city neighborhood. King Shabazz, a little boy, keeps hearing that spring is coming, but is skeptical, as he has not found any signs of its arrival. He sets out with his pal, Anthony "Tony" Polito, to search his urban neighborhood for signs of spring. Needless to say, in the city setting, signs of wildlife – plant or animal – are a bit harder find. Thankfully, in the end, the boys find evidence of spring in a vacant lot. They find a little patch of yellow flowers sprouting in the dirt (which they call "crops") and a family of birds and their nest with blue eggs nestled in the front seat of an old car. King Shabazz is finally convinced that, "Spring is here!"

#### Vocabulary

1. crops
2. vacant
3. decorated
4. mound
5. patch

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#### Announcements

- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 6 Words on Thursday
- ✓ We earned our 3rd Party!!!
- ✓ Oct 11 St Clair County Teachers' Institute – No School
- ✓ 14 Columbus Day – No School



Weekly Specials Rotation for September 30—October 4, 2013

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

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive Writing:

This week, we will practice more cursive during English and Writing. Students will have the option of writing in cursive for their final copies of their personal narrative stories.

#### Science

We are having a blast during our fossil discoveries! We have almost finished ALL of our investigations in our Life Science Unit! We have 3 remaining clues about Ft. Collins too! This week, our focus will be on survival characteristics and how animals have influenced technology and how humans live. We will even break into groups

and create our own anima-influenced invention to make human life better/easier!

#### Math:

We have almost completed our unit on Measurement and Data (Common Core Standard 3.MD.1-3) Elapsed time has given us a few headaches, but we persevered and are on our way to perimeter and area. Our Math Journals are really outstanding as well! Hooray 3rd

#### English/Writing:

This week, we will switch our focus to informational writing. We will still practice dialogue, adding details, vivid verbs, and amazing adjectives, but we will shift our focus to writing for informative purposes.

Our personal narratives are almost ready to be "published" into our classroom library!

