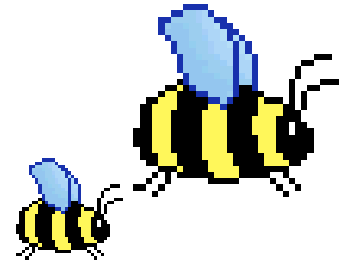


# Whiteside School District 115

## Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



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### Spelling Test! Reading Test! Cursive! OH MY!

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#### Spelling

We started Unit 2 in our Spelling books last Friday. These are words that contain either a short "o" vowel sound or a short "e" vowel sound. On Monday, we completed pgs 14-15 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each, in cursive, and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On **Thursday, Sept. 1**, we will have spelling test #2 on Unit 2 words. We will test on Thursday and begin the new Unit 3 Spelling words on Friday.

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



#### Reading

This week, we are reading "Angel Child, Dragon Child. In this story, Ut, a Vietnamese girl attending school in the United States, is lonely for her mother left behind in Vietnam. She makes a new friend who presents her with a wonderful gift. This test will be on Friday, September 3rd. We will complete this test independently. We test on comprehension, short answer, multiple choice, and vocabulary.  
**Best Wishes Third Graders!**  
Vocabulary:  
1. Jangled  
2. Twittered  
3. Gleamed  
4. Darted  
5. Scrawled  
6. Margins

#### Announcements

- NO SCHOOL, Monday September 5th—Labor Day!
- 1:30 Dismissal, September 21st
- Reading Test Angel Child, Dragon Child, on Friday
- Spelling Test on Unit 2 Words Thursday

#### Weekly Specials Rotation for August 29—September 2, 2011

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

### In other buzz-worthy news:

#### Cursive Writing:

We will slowly introduce cursive writing to our third grade students this year. Most students have learned parts of this skill in 2nd grade. We will begin by writing our names and the alphabet in cursive. We will practice daily, but will

NOT start completing tests in cursive until after winter break.

#### Social Studies

We will continue our study of maps, continents, and compasses! We will test on the continents and oceans in September! Please be on the lookout for study guides and world maps in BEE Folders =>

#### Math:

We will continue to graph, although this week, students will graph more independently. We will also have an "Oh the Pastabilities" lesson where we use nothing but pasta to tally, survey, graph, and interpret data. On Friday, we will conclude section A of our graphing unit with a review lesson.

#### English/Writing:

This week, we will look at sentence structure. We will discuss statements and sentences, punctuation, run-on sentences, and capitalization. Subjects and predicates will also be discussed. These tend to be very tricky. We are on our way to being EXCELLENT writers!