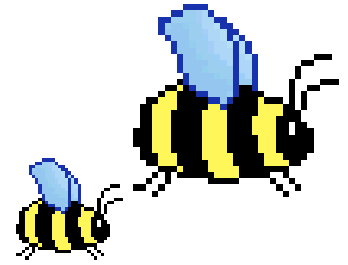


Whiteside School District 115

Mrs. Jones' 3rd Grade Weekly Buzz



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Spelling! Reading! Vocabulary! Oh My!

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Spelling

We started Unit 3 in our Spelling books last Friday. These are words that contain a short "u" vowel sound. On Tuesday, we completed pgs 20—21 in our spelling books for extra practice. We also wrote our spelling words 5 times each and played SPARKLE BOOM!. On **Thursday, Sept. 8th**, we will have spelling test #3 on Unit 3 words. We will begin the new Unit 4 Spelling words on Friday.

Spelling Words

Unit 3

1. lunch
2. until
3. cover
4. buzz
5. become
6. stuff
7. nothing
8. dull
9. month
10. study
11. love
12. uncle
13. cuff
14. none
15. under



Bonus Words

16. trunk
17. bushel
18. bucket
19. ugly
20. sponge

Reading

This week's story is "The Tree House." Chrissy is thrilled when her grandfather builds her the best tree house she has ever seen. When her friend, Leah, asks to come up, Chrissy says, "No, it's just for me." Leah decides to have a tree house built too. Each girl spends time alone in her tree house, and they do not speak to each other. Chrissy is lonely in her tree house. She calls Leah in her tree house to borrow a book. This breaks the ice. They begin sharing things back and forth. Chrissy gets the idea that a bridge between the two tree houses would enable them to visit each other easily. Somehow, each house is now more special because they can each share it with a friend.

We will test on Friday!

Announcements

- 1:30 Dismissal Wednesday, September 21st
- ✓ Reading Test on Friday
- ✓ Spelling Test on Unit 3 Words on Thursday
- ✓ Continents and Oceans Test Wednesday September 16th

Weekly Specials Rotation for September 6—September 9

M (No School) Tu(Computer) W(P.E.) Th(Art) Fr(Music)

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 started our first social studies chapter this week with our studies 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:

Our first chapter in math covers graphing skills. We will study bar graphs, pictographs, line graphs, tally charts, problem solving and in-out machines. We will also learn how to interpret data from graphs in order to solve word problems.

English/Writing:

This week, we have continued our 20 days of writing with our final 5 mini-lesson unit on how to begin writing! We will practice several skills in our "Writer's Notebooks" to help us when we begin writing reading responses soon! I am so proud of our great listening!!!!

