

Saastad's Stars!

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Next week we will be starting an exciting unit on the **letter J**. This unit is essential as we head down the path that is apart of the long journey of reading.

A site that we will be working in the computer lab this week is titled Jeffrey Jaguar! We will be doing some of the activities on the main page. I encourage

students at home to click on the globe at the bottom of the page to find out some interesting facts about Jaguars and other wild animals. Parents, you could even learn some interesting things about animals here, I sure did!
http://www2.minot.k12.nd.us/classrooms/madden/jeffery_jaguar.htm

One of the wonderful things about the letter J is all the words in our language that begin with it. In class, the students will learn some of these words by reading “My J Sound Box” by Jane Belk Moncure. This book is about a boy who collects things that makes sounds. They aren’t just any items, though. He collects only things that begin with the letter J. If you see things out with your child that makes sounds and starts with the letter J you should point it out to your child, it will be helpful to them while we are reading the story.

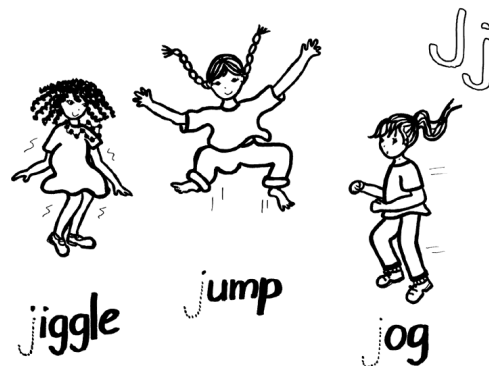
We are lucky in class this week to have an entire kit we can use for the letter J. The kit is called “The Jabbering Jug Jumper” and was published by Scott Education. This kit features tapes, a filmstrip, card games, goody bags, and more, all focused around the letter J!

We will be using page number 25 out of our [Letters and Sounds](#) textbook. The key word on this page is, of course, the letter j! Your child will be working in the book on a few activities such as tracing J and j, and putting the letter in front of words that go along with the pictures.

Yahooligans.com led me to a couple great activities to do that will help with the letter J. First of all, make sure you get that paint shirt here because we will be painting

with jell-o: it may smell delicious and look cool on paper, but we will still make a mess. Also, we will be having a Japanese speaker come in. He will be showing where Japan is, what Japanese eat, and even giving them a taste of the Japanese language.

Well, it is just about time for the week to start and we are all excited to learn about the letter J! See Ya Monday! Miss Saastad



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