

B is for Buffalo

Assignment 3

- Complete Lesson 3 in your B is for Buffalo textbook, volume 1.
- Be sure to have your child reading the sight words for the lesson found in the appendix of the book, volume 1.
- For those who are more confident or experienced, complete Lesson 3 of your handwriting book. For beginners (alternate): On the online assignment page, I have posted the handwriting for Lesson 3. Click on it, and you will get this week's assignment. Please make sure that you bring sheets to class for me to look over. Neatness counts! You do NOT have to complete *both* the book and online assignments.
- Memorize the third stanza of Helen Hunt Jackson's poem "September." How would you like to wake up and find out that a week and a half has passed in the night? That's what happened in England in 1752 when the calendar was changed. Eleven days were lost. Great Britain and its colonies in North America were no longer using the Julian calendar, but the Gregorian. Changing the calendar meant that 1751 had to be cut short. Among other changes was the ordering of months. Formerly, the calendar started in March, but now it would begin on January 1. The year 1751 was the last month on the Julian calendar, but was cut short. It began on March 25 and ended December 31, making it only 282 days. Before the calendar change, September was the 7th month, October was the 8th month, November was the 9th month and December was the 10th month. The names of the months reflect the months' original position in the year. The words septem, octo, novem, decem mean "seven," "eight," "nine" and "ten" in Latin respectively. After the calendar change, the months were displaced.

