



Corbitt Connection

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February Resource Schedule

P.E.: 8th, 14th, 16th & 27th

Music: 6th, 15th & 24th

Art: 2nd & 22nd

Report Cards

Your child is getting his/her second nine weeks report card today. After you look over your child's report card please sign and detach the small rectangle in the bottom right hand corner and return in the given envelope as soon as possible. If I have requested a conference with you or you would like to request a conference with me please let me know of a date and time and I will do my best to accommodate your request.

Permission to Video Tape

As you may or may not know this year I was voted as the Chaffee Trail Elementary School teacher of the year. As part of the teacher of the year process the committee may come by our classroom to video tape a lesson. The committee has requested that I get permission from all of the students' parents for such a taping; therefore I am sending home a permission slip for you to please sign and return as soon as possible. Thank you so much!

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week's tip is to ask you to mark your calendars so that you can plan on attending our FCAT Parent Night, which will be Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. The third grade teachers and Mrs. Couch, our school board representative will be there to speak to you about the FCAT. We are very aware of the nervousness that surrounds this very important test and we would like to provide suggestions on how to ease these feelings. Again, I hope that you will make every effort to attend!

Important Dates to Remember

January 31	Awards Ceremony @ 1:30 p.m.
February 3	Spelling Test & 100 th Day!
February 8	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

Last week we looked at a new pre-reading strategy for nonfiction known as BIG. BIG stands for Bold, Italics, and Graphics, and these are important text features that help get us ready to read. We will look at the second part of this strategy this week, known as FOX, which is an after reading strategy. FOX stands for Facts, Opinions, and X marks the spot for main idea.

Writer's Workshop

This week the students will continue working on their reports. Everyone's research and writing is off to an excellent start!

Skills Block

This week the students will take their *Words their Way* spelling test. We will review some of the prefixes and suffixes that we have learned to make sure that we understand how they change the meaning of the base/root word. We will also learn few more cursive letters.

Math

We are ready to start a new unit in math. We will start by learning about different units of measurements, estimating measurements, and how to correctly measure an object. From there, we will use our measuring skills to find the perimeter of an object. This week we will also have our timed multiplication test on the 5's. Make sure to study!

Science

This week we will use the measurement skills that we are learning in math to help us with another science experiment.

Social Studies

Social Studies is still on break©.

Homework Schedule

Monday: *Drops in the Bucket* *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling *

Thursday: Math *

*EACH night your child should also read for a minimum of **30 minutes** and practice the 5's multiplication facts.