



Corbitt Connection

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October Resource Schedule

Music: 31st Art: 26th

NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 28th, is a Teacher's Planning Day. Enjoy! ☺

Food Drive

From now through November 10th our school is participating in a food drive of non-perishable items. All of the food items will be given to the Salvation Army and benefit families in need here in Jacksonville. Thank you in advance to everyone that is able to donate.

Homework Schedule

Monday: Begin *Drops in a Bucket* *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling & Finish *Drops in a Bucket* *

* 20 Minutes of independent reading

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week I want to tell you about another free online resource that your child can utilize at home. You can now access one of your child's math textbooks and all of its printable resources. The web address is www.pearsonsuccessnet.com; this link is also on the "links" page of our classroom website. Your child's username is his/her first and last without any spaces (e.g. my username would be nicolecorbitt) and the password is password. I hope that is helpful to you!

Important Dates to Remember

October 24	End of the 1 st Nine Weeks
October 27	Book Character Parade
October 28	No School-Planning Day

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will look at Author's Purpose. The three main purposes that an author chooses to write is to persuade, inform, and entertain (PIE). I would encourage you to talk about these purposes with your child at home during his/her at home reading.

Writer's Workshop

This week the students will continue to work on "Excellent" stories. If you would like to take a look at what the students decided upon for the criteria of "Excellent" stories you can check out our rubric on the "Writing" page of our classroom website. Once the "Excellent" stories are complete the students will take part in the rest of the writing process including, edit/revise, peer conference, teacher conference, and then finally publish. We will begin a new genre on November 1st so we have a lot of work to do!

Skills Block

This week the students will get take their next set of spelling words. Since we did not get a chance to look at the prefixes re- and un- we will definitely make this a priority this week!

Math

Last week we worked on rounding and used A Rounding Fairy Tale that helped most of the students to understand which number was being rounded. A copy of the fairy tale can be found on our classroom website and in the virtual book bag. This week we will look at estimating sums and differences. In order to estimate accurately your child must be able to round.

Science

This week we will continue our animal chapter. We will look at the life cycles of animals including butterflies, frogs, etc. . .

Social Studies

This week we will continue learning about Earth's land and water, our country's geography, and community resources. Our prefix work during skills block will help us to better understand some of the vocabulary words we will encounter.