

Corbitt Connection

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October Resource Schedule

P.E.: 5th, 13th, 18th, & 21st
Music: 3rd, 12th, 20th, & 31st
Art: 7th & 26th

SMILE It's Picture Day (almost)

Next Friday, October 14th, will be picture day. These pictures are PRE-PAID. If you wish to order your child's pictures please be sure to return his/her picture envelope with exact change only, no later than next Friday, in your child's planner.

Homework Schedule

Monday: Begin *Drops in a Bucket* *
Tuesday: Math *
Wednesday: Spelling *
Thursday: Finish *Drops in a Bucket* *
* 20 Minutes of independent reading

"What Can I Do at Home?"

We have been very busy this year in every subject! All of the assignments (class work, quizzes, and tests) can be found on the grade portal. If you do not have the information to access the grade portal Mrs. Doyle can assist you, but you must come to school with a picture id. As an additional way to keep you informed of your child's progress I will begin sending home a "Weekly Signed Papers" form on Wednesdays. Please be on the lookout for this form beginning this Wednesday, October 5. As always, thank you for your support at home!

Important Dates to Remember

October 5	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
October 7	Spelling Test
October 14	Smile-It's picture day! ☺
October 19	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
October 21	***School Carnival

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will focus on summarizing. We will use the acronym SWBS. SWBS stands for "Somebody Wanted But So." Somebody is your main character, Wanted tells about the plot, But is the problem, and So is the solution.

Writer's Workshop

This week we will look at different author's craft that we can include in our narratives. Some of the literary elements that we will examine are similes, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, and personification.

Skills Block

This week the students will continue to work on the word list that they were given last week for spelling. As a reminder, this Friday the students will take their first spelling test. We will also work on capitalization and punctuation. I am hopeful that by reviewing these skills during skills block they will transfer into the student's writing.

Math

Each time the students are assessed they are given a chance to "show what they know." Last Thursday the students took an addition quiz and the scores did not reflect what Ms. Russell and I know that they know (due to some careless mistakes). Therefore, we will spend a couple more days on addition with multiple addends and/or regrouping and then they will be reassessed. We will then move on to subtraction.

Science

This week we will wrap up our plant unit. Last week the students had a chance to familiarize themselves with our science textbook, this week we will use the science readers (that are more appropriately leveled) to read more about plants and how they grow.

Social Studies

This week we will begin working with map skills. Even though this is officially a Social Studies skill it can also be extremely helpful when reading informational text. This is a win-win situation!