



Corbitt Connection

www.mrscorbitt.com

November 29, 2011



December Resource Schedule

Music: 5th & 14th P.E.: 7th & 15th

Library: 2nd Art: 9th

Holiday Season

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. With the holiday season just around the corner excitement is building more and more each day. I am excited too; I already have my Christmas shopping done and have begun planning for the hustle and bustle of our break. However, I want to encourage you to try and keep your child's routine as close to "normal" as you can. Bedtimes and balanced meals are especially important during this high excitement time. Over the next three weeks (yes, that's all there is until winter break) some of the things that we will be working on include: reading and math District benchmark tests, a school-based reading benchmark test, as well as the "normal" weekly tests and quizzes. This is why even though it may be difficult for you; it is so critical that you try to keep your child's routine as close to "normal" as possible. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Homework Schedule

Tuesday: Math & Reading
Wednesday: Spelling & Reading
Thursday: Math & Reading

"What Can I Do at Home?"

As we begin the Procedural (How to) writing genre for this week's tip I would like to encourage you to talk through the steps of how to make and do things. This can be done with any and everything. If you feel really brave you could even let your child try and bake something. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

December 1 Field Trip to the Cummer
December 7 Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will be looking at how noting important details can help us understand the story/book we are reading. The ability to note important details also help readers to find the main idea in both fiction and nonfiction texts.

Writer's Workshop

This week we will continue working on the Procedural/Functional (How to) genre. We began with choosing topics and then planning out the steps. It is very important that the steps are written in a very clear and concise manner.

Skills Block

This week the students will get their next set of spelling words. This test will be given on Tuesday, December 13th. We will also begin working on daily language practice to review common third grade grammar/language skills.

Math

This week we will continue working with multiplication and then move into division, which we have already gotten a head start on with our missing factor multiplication. Since we have been working on the meaning of multiplication now is a great time to start practicing the multiplication facts. This week we will begin with the zeros. The Zero Property of Multiplication will help us to remember that when ANY number is multiplied by zero the product is zero.

Science

We are ready to move on to a new chapter in science. We will be gearing up for stars and gravity. There is a lot of information to learn about stars and gravity. We will be busy learning all kinds of new and exciting things during this topic!

Social Studies

We are just about ready to start leaning about communities in history (probably next week). We will start with learning about important explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Samuel de Champlain.