

Corbitt Connection

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November Resource Schedule

P.E.: 10th 21st & 22nd

Music: 9th & 18th

Art: 16th

NO SCHOOL

This week is a short week. There is no school this Friday the 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. Thank you to all who have served/are serving in our military!

Homework Schedule

Monday: Begin *Drops in a Bucket* *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling & *Drops in a Bucket* *

* 20 Minutes of independent reading

As we are now in the 2nd nine weeks any homework not completed at home and returned to school on the assigned day will result in your child completing the assignment during recess.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Please do not forget about our free online resources Destination (River Deep) and Study Island. I have assigned tasks that are a great reinforcement to the skills that your child has been taught at school. The Study Island assessments are supposed to be very similar to the same format of the FCAT. Both of these resources present the information in a fun game-like way. This week's tip is to make sure your child checks out the new assignments that are waiting for him/her. This might be something to help pass the time in our three-day weekend. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

Today	Report Cards Go Home
November 8	Awards Ceremony @ 1:30 p.m.
November 11	No School-Veteran's Day

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will look at identifying the Author's Viewpoint. The Author's Viewpoint is not dependent on the reader at all, which can be difficult for some students to think about. Author's Viewpoint is what the author thinks about the subject or topic that he/she has written. This is most easily, and often, found in nonfiction texts.

Writer's Workshop

Last week we began working in the persuasive writing genre. The yummy cookie OREO will help us to remember each element of this writing genre. O=opinion, R=reason, E=explanation, and O=opinion. This week we will look at how we can take our planning papers that were written last week to write our persuasive essays (triple stuffed OREOs).

Skills Block

This week the students will get their next Words Their Way spelling words. This test will be given on Friday, Thursday 18th. Other skills we will work on will include continuing our work with homophones and compound words. We will also look at the suffixes "less" and "ful."

Math

This week we will continue working with multiplication and division story problems. The students have learned about several strategies that can be used to solve these problems. Some of the strategies include pictures, counting on our fingers, skip counting (identifying multiples) and repeated addition.

Science

We have learned a lot about animals and are ready to take our test! In our next chapter we will learn about space.

Social Studies

We will start a new chapter this week. We are going to be learning about the Navajo and Cherokee Indians. We will learn about the Navajo first and then next week learn about the Cherokee.