



# Corbitt Connection

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## September Resource Schedule

P.E.: 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Music: 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Art: 21<sup>st</sup>

## Early Dismissal

Our first early dismissal day is **tomorrow**. The dismissal time will be at 1:45 p.m. Please make sure that you have made arrangements for your child.

## Open House

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00 p.m. in our room!

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

I have completed half of the DRAs and one of the things that I am noticing is that many of the students are struggling with interpreting what they think the author is trying to say. For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to talk with your child about the author's message. This is a higher level thinking skill that often requires a lot of practice. Any extra help that you can give your child will only benefit him/her!!!

\*\*\*On a side note-I will be sending home your child's updated DRA level (independent reading level) as soon as I am finished administering the rest of the DRAs. ☺

## Important Dates to Remember

Now-Sept. 9	Book Fair in the Library
Now-Sept. 14	PTA-Cookie Dough Fundraiser
September 7	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
September 8	Open House @ 7:00 p.m.
September 21	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
September 23	Progress Reports Go Home

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

We have spent the first two weeks learning about what Reader's Workshop is and what it will look like in our classroom. This week we are ready to move onto learning about our first comprehension strategy of the year. Our focus this week will be on inferring. We infer when we use the information in the text we are reading with our background knowledge to make guesses about the text.

### Writer's Workshop

Now that we have reviewed the mechanics of Writer's Workshop we are ready to jump into our first genre. This week we will begin digging deeper into Narrative (story) writing.

### Skills Block

During our skills block this week the students will be working with ABC order and other dictionary skills including guidewords. We will also talk about editing.

### Math

This week in math we will focus on place value. We will continue to work with large numbers-going all the way up to the one hundred thousands place! We will start comparing these large numbers along with ordering them from least to greatest. Your child is also bringing home a vocabulary sheet with his/her homework of math words that we will be using during this unit. This is for you to use for extra reinforcement at home.

### Science

This week we will begin a seed experiment. We will chart and journal the changes we observe.

### Social Studies

We are starting off social studies by learning about communities. Our main focus will be on learning the differences between urban, rural, and suburban communities.