



Corbitt Connection

January 11, 2010



Field Trip

Today I am sending home our *Cummer Museum* field trip permission slip and an envelope for easy returning. Our trip is Tuesday, February 16. The cost is \$8 for students and \$5 for adults. The money and permission slips are due no later than Friday, February 5th. If your child will need a lunch from the cafeteria please mark it on the permission slip. If you are interested in being a chaperone please let me know, we'd love to have you!

Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will continue our Persuasive writing genre. So far the students are working on a "Triple Stuffed OREO" (opinion, reason, explanation, opinion). It is triple stuffed because the students are including three reasons and supporting explanations why their topic is important to them.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week I will be reading some more great stories with examples of the "powers of persuasion." I will also be DRA-ing your child to assess his/her reading progress.

Welcome Ms. Barton!

I am very excited to welcome Ms. Barton to our classroom this semester. She is a student teacher from UNF, the University of North Florida. She is looking forward to working with your child as she prepares for her own classroom.

Math Investigation Update

This week we will be working with fact families (with the Magic Triangle), money, and the children will take our math summative. The summative, as you may remember from the beginning of the year, is a cumulative test that encompasses all of the skills taught during the year. It monitors your child's growth and retention of these skills. This test will **not** be recorded as a grade since there is still over half of the material yet to be taught.

Absences

As a reminder, if your child is absent his/her absence is UNEXCUSED unless a note is sent to school explaining why your child was out. An accumulation of absences will result in the involvement of the truancy office.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Did you get a chance to check out the activities that have been assigned to your child through River Deep? If not, as this week's tip I would like to encourage you to check these activities out! There are a lot of supplemental games and activities that your child would benefit from as well as have a good time while playing. As a reminder you can log on to the website through the "Links" tab at www.mrscorbitt.com. Your child's username is his/her firstnamelastname142 no spaces and the password is his/her four digit birthday monthmonthdayday no spaces, (e.g. my birthday is October 24, so my password would be 1024). I hope that your child enjoys playing!

Skills Block

This week we will be exploring size words, the "sh" and "ch" digraphs, and the hard a soft "c" and "g." As a reminder, the "soft c" is when it makes the /s/ sound and the "soft g" is when it makes the /j/ sound.

Important Dates to Remember

January 18	No School-Dr. M. L. King Day
January 20	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
January 21	Last day of the 2 nd nine weeks
January 22	No School-Teacher Planning Day
February 5	Field Trip Money & Slips Due ☺