



Corbitt Connection

January 19, 2010



NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 22nd, is a Teacher's Planning Day. Enjoy your second three-day weekend in a row!

No Homework!

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be here before we know it. For those who would like to send in Valentine cards this can be done on Friday, February 12. If you decide to send in cards, please be sure that one is included for every child. Student names include:

Abigail	Amiri	Andrew	Angel
Asia	Audrey	Carolina	Jacob
Jaiden	Jay	Kylie	Larione
Samir	Trinity	Wesley	Xavian
Xavier	Zachary		

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Do you remember the math game Compare? Well I have a very similar reading game. First you would need to find pictures of 20 or more objects (these can be from books, magazines, or even hand drawn) that have between 2-6 phonemes. Put the pictures on index cards or paper. Next you pass out the picture cards evenly and upside down so that you cannot see what the object is. Then one card at a time you and your partner each flip over one card. Each person counts the phonemes in his/her picture and then says the number. The person whose picture has the most phonemes says "me!" For example, if I had a picture of a lamp I would say "4" and my partner had a picture of a shell he/she would say "3." Since 4 is bigger than 3 I would then say "ME!" You continue playing until all the cards have been counted.

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will help me create our Persuasive Writing Rubric and then we will be ready to edit, revise, polish, and publish our writing. The students will be choosing their best piece and creating a brochure. I am excited to see their final product. The brochures were really cute last year!

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be reviewing the comprehension strategy of Cause & Effect. Ms. Barton and I will also be finishing up our last couple of DRAs in time to start FAIR testing. I will be sending home a reading update next week. The reading update will include your child's current reading level, strategies that your child uses well and strategies to use more often.

Math Investigation Update

This week I will be using the results of the two math tests the students took last week to guide our lessons. Several of the students had difficulty solving subtraction equations. Therefore, we will be generating a list of strategies to use when solving subtraction equations.

Skills Block

This week we will be reviewing segmenting and counting phonemes (sounds), contractions, sight words, and the soft "c" and "g." Due to the short week there will be no spelling words.

Important Dates to Remember

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 ☺
	100 th Day of School