



Corbitt Connection

October 5, 2009



Resource Schedule

I am happy to announce that we now have our resource teachers here five days a week. (Until recently our art and music teacher were not here on Fridays.) We go to P.E. on "A" and "F" days, Art on "B" day, Music on "D" and "I" days and Library on "G" day. This week Monday is "A," Tuesday is "B," Wednesday is "C," Thursday is "D," and Friday is "E."

Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will continue working on narrative writing. Our focus will be on describing the setting (where and when) and creating our student made Narrative Writing Rubric. The Rubric will be available at www.mrscorbitt.com under the "Rubrics" tab in the "Writing" section.

Book Challenge Update

Each week I have collected, recorded, and tallied the books that the students are reading at home. I am happy to announce that our class has already read, recorded, and returned 354 books! Keep reading!

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be discussing the comprehension strategy of understanding fantasy and realism (more commonly known as fiction and nonfiction) and being able to tell several reasons how we know the difference.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Did you know that the 220 Dolch sight words make up more than half of all the words that a reader of the English language will ever read? This is why it is so important that your child knows and "owns" these words. When a reader knows and "owns" a word he/she can recognize that word within less than THREE seconds of seeing it. This includes seeing the word on a flashcard, as well as, in context. The 220 words come from the five levels. The levels are Pre-Primer, Primer, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade. My goal is to get through the Pre-primer, Primer, 1st grade, and possibly even the 2nd and 3rd grade lists this year. Within the next week I will be testing the students to see which words they already know from the Pre-Primer word list. This week's tip is to please practice the words that your child does not already know. The students will be tested and responsible for knowing the words on the Pre-Primer list in November. You can find all of the sight word lists on my website. (www.mrscorbitt.com) ☺

Skills Block

We have been reviewing the short vowels one vowel per week and building word families during our Skills Block. This week's vowel is "o." We will also continue practicing blending sounds to form words and I will introduce opposites.

Math Workshop Update

This week the students will learn two more adding games, called On and Off and Counters in a Cup (In and Out). These games will reinforce your child's understanding of the combinations of ten.

Science Update

This week we will be exploring force and movement in science. Topics include: pushes, pulls, and a lot of work with magnets.

Important Dates to Remember

October 7 Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
Library Book Switch