



Corbitt Connection

November 23, 2009



NO School

As a reminder, we are off from Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy and be safe, I'll see you Monday, November 30th. ☺

Homework

This week there is no official homework. However, I would like to encourage you to continue daily at home reading. Remember all the books that are read, recorded and returned to school count toward your child's book goal. Your child needs to have read, recorded, and returned to school 180 books by then end of the 2nd nine weeks (January 21st) in order to be on track to meet the 360 book goal by the end of the year.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week I am going to take a short break in reporting the ideas from, *The 10 Best Ways to Help Your 1st-Grader Succeed in School, A parent's to-do list*, by Ann E. La Forge. Instead this week's tip is to take the "extra" time we have this week and spend it with your family. One of the activities that we will do on Tuesday as we prepare for Thanksgiving is to make the traditional thankfulness turkey. In our very busy lives (myself included) I think that sometimes we can get "caught up." Therefore, I would like to encourage you to *Share Your Gratitude*. During family dinner, take turns sharing what you are most thankful for this year or even that day. You might be surprised at the things your children and even your spouse are most grateful for at the time. Most of all enjoy the holiday!!!

Writer's Workshop Update

We are well on our way with Procedural (How to . . .) writing. Last week in addition to working toward all three elements of the standard we were working on "Terrific Titles." A "Terrific Title" shows our voice and engages the reader. For example if I wanted to teach you how to play hide and go seek an example of a "Terrific Title" might be "Ready or Not Here I Come!"

Reader's Workshop Update

We will continue to "read . . . instructions" as well as look for better words this week during Reader's Workshop.

Skills Block

This week will be all about review. We will be reviewing the word wall words and talking about capitalization and punctuation and antonyms.

MATH WORKSHOP UPDATE

THIS WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE OUR NEW UNIT, *QUILT SQUARES AND BLOCK TOWNS*. IN THIS UNIT SOME OF THE SKILLS INCLUDE OBSERVING, DESCRIBING, AND COMPARING 3-D SHAPES, CREATING AND USING 2-D REPRESENTATIONS OF 3-D SHAPES, AND DEVELOPING VOCABULARY FOR DESCRIBING 3-D SHAPES, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 23-25	No School-Thanksgiving ☺
December 1	Library-Books will be Due
December 9	Early Dismissal @ 1: 45 p.m.
December 11	Zoo Field Trip ☺