



Corbitt Connection

December 14, 2009



Homework

This week there will be no homework. Therefore, there will be no spelling words. Please be sure to read, record and return a list of any and all books that you read at home and during the break. The books do not need to be recorded on an "official" book log, any paper will be just fine. READ, READ, READ.

Writer's Workshop Update

We are finished with "How to . . ." writing. It has been a quick genre but the children did extremely well with it. After the break we will jump into Persuasive writing . . . stay tuned for more information.

Thank you

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to send in supplies for our party. I really appreciate your help! It is sure to be a fun time. ☺

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will continue to read a variety of seasonal books and work on comprehension strategies as well as make crafts that correlate with the books being read. This is always a really fun time during reading!

Party Reminders

Tuesday is our "Winter Wonderland Workshop." The children will be rotating through all six first grade classrooms working on "Wintery" activities.

Wednesday is our *Polar Express* Party. The children are permitted to wear their pajamas to school. However, please keep the dress code in mind when dressing your child. Also, your child may bring slippers to wear inside but MUST wear real shoes when outside.

Skills Block

This week the students will be reviewing several of the skills they have been taught this year. We will be working on several sound activities such as rhyming, deleting initial and ending sounds from words as well as substituting sounds to make new words.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week I would like to tell you of one of the options that you have to help keep your child's skills sharp over the long vacation. You have access to River Deep at home. The website is

<http://pilot6.riverdeep.net/lms>.

The children's usernames are:

firstnamelastname142 (no spaces)

All of the children's passwords are:

birthday: monthmonthdayday (e.g. May 1st= 0501)

For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to utilize this wonderful free resource. I will be monitoring your child's progress, however, if your child finishes "early" please let me know and I would be happy to set up new activities for him/her!

Math Workshop Update

Last week we finished up our *Quilt Squares and Block Towns* unit and took the math test. This week instead of beginning a new unit we will be playing a lot of math games. I will be teaching the students a couple of games they can play at home during the break to keep those addition skills sharp.

Important Dates to Remember

December 15	Winter Wonderland Workshop
December 16	<i>Polar Express</i> Day
Dec. 17-Jan. 3	Winter Break-Have a great holiday ☺