



Corbitt Connection

February 1, 2010



Field Trip DEADLINE

This Friday, February 5th will be the deadline for accepting field trip money and permission slips. I now have six of the eighteen students' permission slip and money. I am sending home an additional permission slip today. The kids love going on field trips, please do not forget.

Writer's Workshop Update

We began report writing last week. The students have chosen their topics and have been busy collecting facts and are now ready to begin reporting those facts. The students will use their facts to create their very own nonfiction books.

Flag Raising

Thursday, February 11th we will have our President's Day flag raising. For this flag raising the children have been practicing a couple of songs in music with our talented Mr. Spruill that they will perform. It is sure to be cute and you are welcome to attend. ☺

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be reading a lot of nonfiction books and looking at the text features. The students will create their own Nonfiction Convention books illustrating those text features.

Report Cards

Tomorrow your child is bringing home his/her report card for the 2nd nine weeks. Please sign and return the small rectangle in the lower right hand corner in the given envelope as soon as possible. The rest of the report card is yours to keep.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE OUR *NUMBER GAMES AND STORY PROBLEMS* UNIT. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT VARIOUS STRATEGIES TO SOLVE BASIC MULTIPLICATION WORD PROBLEMS. EXAMPLES INCLUDE, I HAVE THREE TURTLES AND TURTLES HAVE FOUR FEET, HOW MANY FEET ARE THERE ALTOGETHER? THIS IS WHERE SKIP COUNTING CAN COME IN HANDY.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

At this point in the year your child's reading level should be at our beyond a "Level E" with good comprehension. Tomorrow with your child's report card I am providing you with an updated reading level from the most recent DRA testing with a suggestion of how you can help your child progress to the next level. This week's tip is for you to look at your child's most recent score and the suggestion I provided and then begin working on your child's area of weakness. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to answer your questions.

Skills Block

This week we will be focusing on long o in spelling, continue with counting phonemes and sorting words by similar phonemes and work on our dictionary skills with alphabetical order (this was not gotten to last week).

Important Dates to Remember

February 2	Report Cards Go Home
February 3	Awards Ceremony @ 9:00 a.m. Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
February 5	Field Trip Money & Slips Due 100 th Day of School
February 11	Flag Raising @ 8:30 a.m.