



Corbitt Connection

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Progress Reports

The 3rd nine weeks progress reports will go home this Friday. Please be sure to sign and return one of the copies to me as soon as possible. As always, thank you for your support at home!

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will be finishing up their first animal reports. The reports look "excellent!" The polishing phrase will be wrapped up with the students creating their very own nonfiction books.

Classroom Needs

In a few weeks we will begin a new math unit involving measurement. For this unit we will need a lot of containers in various shapes and sizes. These can be empty yogurt containers, jars, cups, etc . . . If you have any of these containers and would be willing to send them in for us to use I would really appreciate it. I do ask that all of the items are completely empty so that they do not attract bugs. Thank you so much for your help with the collection of items. ☺

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will continue to work on the comprehension strategy of Compare and Contrast. Last week the students talked about the similarities and differences between two topics. This week the students will be completing a Venn diagram to record the similarities and differences between two topics.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week's tip is to encourage you to practice the basic addition facts with your child. The term "basic facts" refers to any single digit number added to another single digit number. The ability to accurately recall the answers to the basic addition facts is a skill that will be immensely helpful for your child during our current math unit. Next week as part of your child's homework your child will also be responsible for memorizing the basic facts for a timed quiz. I will be starting with the plus zero and plus one and then move on through the rest of the numbers with weekly timed quizzes. The quizzes will be twenty questions and your child will only have two minutes to answer as many as possible. The more your child practices the better and faster he/she will be.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK THE STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON NUMBER GAMES AND STORY PROBLEMS. WE WILL ALSO BE WORKING WITH MISSING ADDEND ADDITION EQUATIONS, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE, $5 + \underline{\quad} = 12$. THE GAME TENS GO FISH HAS BEEN GREAT PREPARATION FOR THESE EQUATIONS.

Skills Block

This week we will be discussing the rule, "When two vowels go walking the first one does the talking." We will also be practicing substituting the first sound in words to make new words. An example would be if I change the first sound in five to an /h/ now I have? (hive)

Important Dates to Remember

February 26	Progress Reports Go Home
March 2	Library-Don't forget your book ☺
March 3	Early Dismissal @ 1: 45 p.m.
March 10	Scholastic Book Orders are due