



Corbitt Connection

March 1, 2010



Read Across America Day

Tomorrow is Dr. Seuss's birthday, also known as Read Across America Day. Please remember, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, To pick up a book and read with a child. You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot, To pick up a book and share what you've got." (<http://www.nea.org/grants/20652.htm>)

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will be either finishing up their first animal report which they are turning into a book or begin gathering, sorting and report facts for their second report. For the second report the students will have the option to create another book or to make a poster.

Classroom Needs

One parent was able to send in empty containers for our upcoming math unit. The math unit will not begin until the end of the month so if you have any empty containers and are willing to send them in I would really appreciate it.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be practicing the comprehension strategy of inferring. We will be reading some of Dr. Seuss's books (in honor of his birthday) while we practice this strategy.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

We are now half way through the 3rd nine weeks (it ends on March 29th). At that time your child needs to be reading at or above a Level "G" to be meeting the requirements of a satisfactory reader. I have included a list of books that are Level "G." I would encourage you to read them with your child to see if he/she is able to read the books accurately, fluently, and with good comprehension (they are able to retell the story without any prompting).

Biscuit Finds a Friend-Alyssa Satin Cupucilli
Biscuit's New Trick-Alyssa Satin Cupucilli
Biscuit Visits the Big City-Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Tooth Trouble-Jane Clark
The Snowball-Jennifer Armstrong
Chicks and Salsa-Aaron Reynolds

An additional list of leveled books through level "L" can be found on the "More Info" tab under "Reading" at our class website www.mrscorbitt.com.

Math Investigation Update

This week the students will continue to work on various story problems, as well as use their knowledge of coins to play a game called *Collect \$0.25 Together*. Also, this Friday your child will take the first of many timed addition quizzes. We will begin with the "Plus 1s."

Skills Block

This week we will begin looking at the vowel diphthongs (vowel pairs that do not follow the "when two vowels go walking the second one does the talking"). We will also be working with compound words, multiple meaning words, and substituting the final sound of words (e.g. changing the /d/ in card to a /t/ becomes cart).

Important Dates to Remember

March 2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday
March 3	Early Dismissal @ 1: 45 p.m.
March 10	Scholastic Book Orders are due Library-Don't forget your book ☺