



Corbitt Connection

March 15, 2010



St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday is St. Patrick's Day.

Don't forget to wear your green!

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will get a preview of the Response to Literature genre.

Pennies for Peace

The Chaffee Trail Elementary School Early Act service club will be collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to raise money to help build schools for children in Afghanistan in the hopes that through education, children will grow up knowing there are other options than joining terrorist groups. They will collect money through March 31. Thank you in advance to anyone that is able to donate.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week the students will be listening to our book of the month, *How I Became a Pirate*. We will also be reading other Pirate and David Shannon books in preparation for our upcoming author study.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Over the last few weeks I have been completing my end of the 3rd nine weeks DRAs. I will be sending home the updates in the planner of your child's independent reading level. To be "on target" for this time of year your child should be on an independent level of "G." An "independent" reading level means that your child can read accurately and fluently any book on that level with no assistance that he/she has not previously read or seen. I cannot encourage you enough to make sure that your child is reading to you each day for extra practice even if your child is on or beyond level "G" at this time.

For this week's tip I would like to encourage you and your child to be "Word Watchers" during your daily at-home reading. A "Word Watcher" is someone who notices new, cool, or interesting words while he/she is reading. This can be a word that is new or a word that is familiar to you but used in a new way. Any student on any reading level can be a "Word Watcher." This is a great way to monitor comprehension and build vocabulary.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK THE STUDENTS WILL BE WORKING TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION, HOW CAN I USE WHAT I KNOW ABOUT NUMBERS HELP ME TO SOLVE PROBLEMS?

THEY WILL ALSO BE WORKING ON THE +3 ADDITION FACTS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HELP YOUR CHILD PRACTICE ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY, TWO MINUTES IS NOT VERY MUCH TIME.

Skills Block

This week we will be working with the other /oo/ sounds such as blue and chew in spelling. We will also continue to practice counting the syllables of words. When counting the syllables we are listening for the natural pauses in the words. This can be done by placing your hand underneath your chin and counting the number of times your chin drops (your chin drops when you say vowel sounds and each syllable must have a vowel sound).

Important Dates to Remember

March 17	St. Patrick's Day-wear green
March 24	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
April 1	No School-Teacher's Planning Day
April 2	No School-Good Friday
April 5-9	Spring Break ☺