



Corbitt Connection

March 22, 2010



Book Count

This Friday, March 26th, is the last day to turn in book logs for the 3rd nine weeks. As a reminder your child should have read at least 270 books. If your child has read, recorded, and returned a book log **each** week with his/her homework he/she has met the book goal.

Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will begin our Response to Literature genre with our Kevin Henkes author study. In the next few weeks until spring break we will be focusing on the connection part of a response. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks.

Kevin Henkes

As we begin our author study I would like to encourage you to visit his website to learn more about him. The website is www.kevinhenkes.com and is full of information about Kevin Henkes, his books, games, and even yummy recipes. Check it out! 😊

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be focusing on purposeful connections as we begin our Kevin Henkes author study with his "mouse" books. Please see the "What Can I Do at Home?" box for how you can help your child make "purposeful" connections.

Road Construction

There will be a meeting to discuss possible road construction this Thursday, March 25, here at Chaffee Trail. Some of the topics for discussion include road widening, and the installation of sidewalks between Crystal Spring Road and Normandy Boulevard. If you are available I would like to encourage you to attend this meeting.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK THE STUDENTS WILL BE WORKING WITH MORE COMBINING (ADDITION) AND SEPARATING (SUBTRACTION) STORY PROBLEMS, PLAYING FIVE-IN-A-ROW WITH THREE CARDS, AND WRITING THEIR OWN STORY PROBLEMS. IN OUR MATH SKILLS TIME WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE COUNTING MONEY AND WORKING WITH THE +4S FOR A TIMED QUIZ.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week we will begin our Kevin Henkes author study and focusing on "purposeful" connections. A purposeful connection is when the reader takes an important part of the book and relates it to an important part of his/her life. (e.g. if a character feels left out because of a new baby at home a purposeful connection would be if your child also knew how that character was feeling because he/she too has felt left out when . . .). I would encourage you to talk with your child about purposeful connections during your daily at-home reading.

Skills Block

This week we will be working with the ou/ow sounds (like in ouch and now), rhyming, and syllabication. We will also be sorting and classifying science, color, and pattern words.

Important Dates to Remember

March 24	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
March 26	Library-Don't forget your book(s)
April 1	No School-Teacher's Planning Day
April 2	No School-Good Friday
April 5-9	Spring Break 😊