



Corbitt Connection

March 29, 2010



NO SCHOOL

There is no school on Thursday, Friday or at all next week. I hope that you enjoy the time off! See you on April 12th ☺

Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will continue with our Kevin Henkes author study. We will be learning more of the elements of an excellent response.

Spring & Class Pictures

Tuesday, April 13th the children will take their individual spring pictures and our class picture. The class pictures are **pre-paid** only. In approximately two-three weeks the proof of the individual spring pictures will be available for you to preview. You will be able to decide after viewing the proofs if you would like to purchase the photos. I will be sure to notify you of the dates and deadlines as the information becomes available to me.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will continue to make purposeful connections to the Kevin Henkes "mouse" books. We will be recording our connections.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING WITH STORY PROBLEMS SOLVING THEM WITH PICTURES, NUMBERS AND WORDS. WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week I would like to talk to you about what you can do as a Duval county citizen to voice the need for the legislators and the governor to make and keep education a high priority. One of the many things up for consideration in "balancing the budget" is cutting the funds necessary to provide art, music, P.E. and library education next year. These resources are essential in developing the whole child. Many children do fine in reading, writing, math, science, etc . . . but really excel in and/or enjoy music, art and/or physical activities and without those key teachers our students will not be complete. Another consideration is to loosen the requirements of the Class Size Amendment, which would allow for an average in grades K-3 of 18 or less students. This may not seem that important but when this is loosened this could mean that your child is one of as many as twenty-two students in his/her class next year. This will lessen the amount of personal attention that your child's teacher will be able to spend one-on-one with your child in order to ensure his/her success. This week's tip is to ask you to write to the Governor and/or the Duval Legislative Delegation Contacts and let your opinion be heard so that they need to more closely examine the budget and alternatives that can be cut without affecting our children and ultimately our future. Please reference Mrs. Walker's letter for a list of contacts to send your letters. I would like to thank you in advance for your time and support on this VERY important matter.

Skills Block

This week I will introduce homophones and we will be reviewing some of the vowel digraphs that we have been working with (e.g. oo, ou, ue). We will continue to delete and substitute sounds of words and count syllables.

Homework

There will be no homework this week. However, I would like to encourage you to continue reading and recording books this week and even during spring break. Any books read, recorded and returned to school will count towards your child's 360 book reading goal.

Important Dates to Remember

April 1	No School-Teacher's Planning Day
April 2	No School-Good Friday
April 5-9	Spring Break ☺
April 13	Class & Spring Picture Day ☺
April 14	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.