



Corbitt Connection

March 8, 2010



Progress Reports

I am still in need of four student's progress reports if your child has not returned his/her progress report please sign and return it ASAP. Thank you. ☺

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will be finishing up their work in the report writing genre. This has been a long genre and the kids have been very successful with it!

Scholastic Book Order

A couple of weeks ago two Scholastic book orders went home. I wanted to remind you that the deadline is quickly approaching. Anyone who is interested the orders will be due this Wednesday, March 10th. You may send in cash or checks made out to *Scholastic Book Clubs*.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be looking at how Classifying/Categorizing helps us to become great readers! This is similar to the strategy of Compare and Contrast that we have had a lot of practice with.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Last week we began the first of many timed addition facts quizzes. We began with the +1s. The children were given two minutes to correctly answer as many +1 addition equations as they could. This week we will be working on the +2s. We have discussed a variety of strategies to solve addition equations. The fastest strategy that we have worked with is the "Counting On" strategy. This strategy is more commonly known as putting the big number in your brain and the little number on your fingers. For example for $8+2=$ ____, I would start with the eight in my brain put up two fingers and count up, "8 (touch my head), 9, 10." The answer is 10. Drawing circles is a still an accurate strategy; however, when combining speed with accuracy the best strategy would be the counting on strategy. This week's tip is to encourage you to practice +2 equations with your child. The goal is to answer 20 problems correctly in less than two minutes.

Math Investigation Update

This week we will continue our *Number Games and Story Problems* unit. We will be working with very specific "How Many of Each?" problems. These problems might ask for the same number of a given object and more of a certain number of a given object and it will be critical that your child reads/listens VERY carefully!

Skills Block

This week we will be working with the other /oo/ sound like in moon, syllabication, and sound segmentation and substitution. We will continue to practice counting the sounds in words (sound segmentation) and changing the sounds to form new words like taking the word "sock" and changing the first sound to /l/ making the new word "lock."

Important Dates to Remember

March 10	Scholastic Book Orders are due Library-Don't forget your book ☺
March 17	St. Patrick's Day-wear green
March 24	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.