



# Corbitt Connection

April 26, 2010



## Recycling

I wanted to remind you that Chaffee Trail Elementary School is going green. We have been recycling paper, plastic, and aluminum. The best part about the recycling that we are doing is that we are working to save the earth and participating in a great and easy fundraiser at the same time. Just a reminder if you have any newspapers, magazines, paper, etc . . . that you no longer want you can recycle them in our yellow and green Paper Retriever bin in our parking lot.

\*\*\*Also, during the month of April the Paper Retriever Company has agreed to double the amount of money that they are paying for the paper collected. Please keep bringing/sending in your paper.

## Play Day

Coach Hayes has been organizing play day activities for us on Thursday, April 29, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. It will be VERY warm! Please consider this when your child gets dressed. ☺

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

Last week I was speaking with one of the second grade teachers about next year's expectations. All year I have been telling you about how important reading is to your child's success. One of the reading assessments will be your child's reading fluency rate. It is VERY important that your child is reading and re-reading daily to improve his/her fluency rate. This will also improve his/her comprehension-Bonus!

## Writer's Workshop Update

This week we are continuing to move through our Response to Literature, Kevin Henkes author study. Our focus will be adding in the retelling (starting at the beginning and writing as many details in order that can be remembered).

## Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will continue to read more of the Kevin Henkes "mouse" books and work on our retellings. As you may know your child's ability to retell a story that he/she has read/listened to is one way that his/her comprehension is measured.

## Math Investigation Update

This week we will take our *Number Games and Story Problems* Unit test. This test will include the various types of story problems, addition facts, and samples of games that we have played in class. Immediately after we will begin our measurement unit, *Bigger, Taller, Heavier, Smaller*.

## Skills Block

This week our spelling pattern will be "aw/au" and we will look at alternate plurals like -es and -ies. We will also be looking at the prefixes "un" and "re" (as they are related to both spelling and meaning) and synonyms.

## Important Dates to Remember

April 27	Ms. Barton's last day
April 28	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
April 29	Play Day, 1-2 p.m.