



Corbitt Connection

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Scholastic Book Order

Today your child is taking home the last Scholastic Book Orders of the year. I would like to encourage you to look through the orders with your child and see if there are any books or materials that you would be interested in purchasing. All books purchased will earn bonus points. These bonus points are used to buy books and materials for the classroom. If you decide to order books, please send order form and money in a marked envelope. Although I encourage you to look at the book orders, you are under no obligation to buy. **The deadline for ordering will be set for Thursday, May 27th.**

I realize that this is a quick turn-around but it is necessary to ensure that the books arrive before school gets out. The book order will be available online also. As a reminder the username is: **mrscorbitt1st** and the password is: **bookorders**.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This year your child has been practicing addition math facts. We took timed quizzes and each morning there are several examples posted as "morning work." Next year as a part of the 2nd grade summative your child will be given 1 minute to complete 20 addition problems. It is very important that your child continues to practice these facts. The answers need to be automatic. This week's tip is to continue to practice math facts with your child so that he/she can answer both quickly and accurately.

I also want to encourage you to practice counting money with your child. It is important that your child can recognize by sight and know the value the penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half dollar. We have been practicing working with money since January so this is a skill that your child should be able to accomplish easily.

Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will try writing our own poems. Some of the poems that I will teach the students are acrostics, haikus, cinquains, the "I am" poem, the 5 Ws poem, and will even try alliterations. It will be fun, although it may be challenging.

Reader's Workshop Update

This week I will be reading additional poems as we practice writing our own poetry. The students enjoyed listening to the poems. The funnier and grosser the poem the more they enjoyed it. 😊

Math Investigations Update

This week the students will be completing their exploration of measuring lengths with non-standard units of measure. They have measured with snap cube trains, pencils, hands and feet. We will then try using rulers-just for fun.

Skills Block

This week our spelling pattern will be working with the last "bossy r" (er, ir, ur). Reading words with these combinations are not difficult. However, knowing the difference when it comes to spelling these words cannot be heard, it must be memorized and your child will **NEED** to study his/her spelling words.

Important Dates to Remember

May 28-31	No School-Memorial Day Weekend
June 1	Reading Totals are due!
June 4	Reading Celebration-Has your child read and recorded 360 books?