



# Corbitt Connection

May 24, 2010



## **NO SCHOOL**

There is no school this Friday or Monday because of Memorial Day. I hope you enjoy your four-day weekend!

### Scholastic Book Order

As a reminder, all orders are due this Thursday, May 27. You can order online or send in the order form with either cash or a check made payable to *Scholastic Book Club*.

### Summer Birthdays

If your child has a summer birthday, after June 11<sup>th</sup> he/she will have a chance to celebrate his/her pretend birthday on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have six students that otherwise would not have been able to wear a birthday crown. You are under absolutely no obligation to send anything in; however, if you are interested in sending in something (snack wise) please let me know in advance so that we can all plan together. ☺

### "What Can I Do at Home?"

This week we will be taking a closer look at place value and playing games and working on activities that will support your child's knowledge of place value. This week's tip is for you to support place value at home and encourage you to take a walk with your child around the neighborhood. Look for one-, two-, and three-digit numbers and have your child read them out loud. You may want your child to record the numbers that he or she sees. Discuss each number and ask how many ones, tens, or hundreds are in the number. What is the largest number you can find? What is the smallest number? Have fun and enjoy the great exercise. ☺

### Writer's Workshop Update

Last week the students did very well with each of the poem "formulas" that I taught them. We definitely have some poets in our classroom.

### Reader's Workshop Update

We will be re-reading some of the familiar and not-so familiar fairy tales in Reader's Workshop. During this reading the focus will be on determining the "most important part" of the story and explaining why (which is an important part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level DRAs).

### Math Investigation Update

This week the students will take our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final math summative assessment. The summative is an assessment that tests each of the math concepts your child has been taught this year. This test helps me to gauge what your child has learned and retained past the current unit of study this year. This will weigh heavily in determining your child's 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks math grade.

### Skills Block Update

Last week the students completed their last spelling test of the year. This week we will be working with the 100 most frequently used words. This will not be a graded activity, just good information. Also good information, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade writing standard states, "produce writing in which most high-frequency words are spelled correctly."

### Important Dates to Remember

May 27	Scholastic Book Orders are due ☺
May 28-31	No School-Memorial Day Weekend
June 3	Pretend Summer Birthday Celebration
June 4	Reading Celebration-Has your child read and recorded 360 books?