



Corbitt Connection

June 1, 2010



NO Homework ☺

I would still like to encourage you to continue reading to and with your child each day to ensure continuous reading growth. Your child has worked very hard to get where he/she is. I am sooo proud!!!

Writer's Workshop Update

This week your child will review the writing in his/her writing portfolio to be given to next year's teacher. This is a very important time during writing as we are preparing to show off all of the great writing your child has done this year!

Summer Birthdays

This is just a reminder that if your child has a summer birthday after June 11th he/she will have a chance to celebrate his/her pretend birthday this Thursday, June 3rd.

Reader's Workshop Update

We will continue to read additional versions of familiar fairy tales and highlight the elements in each story. Did you know that all fairy tales have an element of either 3's or 7's? I would like to encourage you to ask your child about this. We are also looking at the lesson learned. This is a higher level thinking strategy that your child will need to be able to use independently in the higher level DRAs.

End of the Year Party

Our end of the year party will be on Wednesday, June 9th. It is a "floating" party with outside activities and a picnic lunch. One of the activities needs a lot of marbles and I am currently in the process of searching for marbles. If you have any extra marbles that you would be willing to donate to the class for our activity (or know where I can buy them) it would be very much appreciated!

Math Investigations Update

I wanted to let you know that I was VERY impressed with the Summative results last week! This week we will continue solving place value riddles. I would also like to encourage you to continue to practice addition and subtraction basic facts so that those skills do not get rusty-especially over the summer break.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This year your child has expanded his/her knowledge of the five writing genres and I could not be prouder. We spent weeks in each genre, learning the elements, editing, revising, and polishing. The polishing stage of writing often took the longest because this is where your child had to copy his/her revised and edited work in his/her nicest, neatest handwriting. This week's tip is to spend a little time each day (since there isn't any homework this should be do-able) and have your child write anything he/she wants **NEATLY**. We may have some future doctors in our class but for now their handwriting should be legible. Also, please remind your child when to use capital letters. They are only for important names and at the beginning of sentences, never in the middle of words. ☺

Skills Block Update

We will continue to test our spelling knowledge of the 100 most frequently used words.

Important Dates to Remember

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| June 2 | LAST DAY to turn in book logs-Has your child read and recorded 360 books? |
| June 3 | Pretend Summer Birthday Celebration |
| June 4 | Reading Celebration |