



Corbitt Connection

August 31, 2009



Open House

Thursday, September 3rd
@ 6:30 p.m. in our room!

Form Request

Either at orientation or on the first day of school each child was given a large envelope containing many very important papers. If you have not already done so please be sure to read, fill out completely, and return all the forms inside the given envelope. Also, if your child has restricted pick-up PLEASE be sure to let me (and the office) know so that we make sure that each child is safe.

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Did you know that our class has a website? Yes, we do. I would like to encourage you to visit it. It is complete with updates and information for writing, reading, math, and skills block, as well as, each week's newsletter and much more!

"What Can I Do at Home?"

I am starting this weekly box in order to keep you in touch with what I am doing, as well as, list a few suggestions that you can try at home to ensure that your child is successful at school. Even though homework does not "officially" start until Tuesday, September 8, it is never too early to get into the wonderful habit of DAILY at-home reading. The time that you spend reading with your child is time well spent and it is sure to increase his/her success in school! This week's tip is to read daily. ☺

Writer's Workshop Update

One of the things that I am especially excited about is the writing that everyone will do this year. We are currently in our Narrative (story) writing genre. One way that you can help your child at home is to help him/her to stretch/sound out all of the sounds in his/her words and be sure to ask your child to reread the writing when he/she is finished.

This year your child will learn about five writing genres. I would like to encourage you to look at the bulletin board outside our classroom door for samples from four out of the five genres.

Reader's Workshop Update

First grade is the year where your child will grow tremendously as a reader. This is why we will begin the year reviewing what good readers do while they are reading (strategies to use), how to choose books, and much much more.

Math Workshop Update

This week the students will take two baseline math tests. The results from these tests will tell me what your child already knows and will give me an idea of how long to spend on each of the math topics this year. (The tests are NOT for a grade.)

Skills Block Update

During our skills block time we have been reviewing the alphabet. It is critical that your child is able to recognize and apply all of the letters of the alphabet by both sight and sound in order to be successful this year.

Important Dates to Remember

September 3	Open House @ 6:30 p.m.
September 7	Labor Day, No School
September 8	Homework Begins ☺
September 9	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.