



# Corbitt Connection

September 8, 2009



## Early Dismissal

Our first early dismissal day is tomorrow. The dismissal time will be at 1:45 p.m. Please make sure that you have made arrangements for your child.

## Thank you

I would like to thank all of the parents that took time out of their busy schedules to attend Open House on Thursday.

## PLEASE Join PTA

One way in which all families can help support Chaffee Trail is to join our PTA, the Parent Teacher Association. I would like to encourage anyone who has not yet done so to join. The cost is five dollars. The PTA helps support many great things here at our school including a weekly magazine, *The Scholastic News*. *The Scholastic News* helps to supplement our Science and Social Studies curriculum and the children get to keep the magazine. As an added bonus the first class to reach 100% membership earns an ice cream sundae party; maybe it will be us!

## "What can I do at Home?"

One of the most important goals in first grade is to move your child's reading level from wherever he/she is to at least, a Level I with good comprehension. This is a huge, yet accomplishable goal. One way that your child will become a better reader is to continue to learn as many "sight" words as possible. I would like to encourage you to review the "Pre-Primer" Dolch words. Your child is responsible for this list of words at this time. The words can be found at our class website [www.mrscorbitt.com](http://www.mrscorbitt.com). The words can be found under the "Sight Words" button, under the "Skills Block" tab.

## Writer's Workshop Update

If you were able to attend Open House last Thursday then you saw your child's beginning of the year writing piece. I am excited to teach your child how to expand his/her ideas so that he/she can write a more complete story, report, how to, or response. This week I will be teaching how to add character and setting details when writing a story.

## Reader's Workshop Update

This week I will be working on DRAs, which I call "special time." I will be sending home your child's reading level in the planner as soon as the results are complete.

## Math Workshop Update

This week the students will be solving problems using various number combinations for the same sum. We will begin with an activity called "Seven Peas and Carrots."  
\*\*\*Your child's homework includes a deck of "Compare" cards. Please keep these cards at home in a safe place. (They do NOT need to be returned.) Enjoy playing the game with your child.

## Skills Block

This week we are continuing to review the letters and the sounds, as well as, the sight words that your child is responsible for at this time. Please see the "What can I do at Home?" box.

## Important Dates to Remember

TODAY	Homework Begins ☺
September 9	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
September 11	Homework is DUE!
September 15	Flag Raising @ 8:30 a.m.