



Corbitt Connection

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3rd Nine Weeks Updates



i-Ready

As you know your child took the Winter diagnostic to gauge mid-year growth for both i-Ready reading and i-Ready math. You will be receiving updated information on how your child did in this week's assessment folder. As you look through your child's data, I believe it is important to know what the end of the year expectation is. Target growth for one year in reading is 39 points (19 or more points from the Fall to Winter testing). Target growth for one year in math is 27 points (14 or more points from the Fall to Winter testing).

Morning Arrival/Computer Usage

Students who arrive at school by 8:05 a.m. are welcome to come into the classroom to work on i-Ready reading and/or math each day. This will be a great way to boost your child's foundational skills and/or provide enrichment depending on your child's skill level. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!!!

What Can I Do at Home?

This year your child is expected to learn a LOT of material! The expectation can be extremely overwhelming when there are deficits in knowledge. This is why i-Ready is the BEST tutoring that can be offered to your child.

i-Ready is designed to provide your child with strategic and perfectly differentiated material based on your child's needs according to his/her diagnostic scores. When your child took the Winter assessment your child's path of lessons was altered to guide him/her to academic success. Research has shown that students who spend a minimum of 45 minutes each week on reading and a minimum of 45 minutes each week on math will make a year's worth of growth (see target scores above in the i-Ready box). This is the best way to close the gap if your child has missing pieces of knowledge from previous years.

Therefore, I want to strongly encourage you to have your child strive for 45 minutes each week in each subject. As an added incentive, students who reach this goal will visit the i-Ready prize box. Please help your child meet this goal by allowing him/her to utilize the computer at home, visit the public library, and/or arrive at school no later than 8:05 a.m. each day.

Academic Updates

Reading

This quarter the students will wrap up our module on the War of 1812. Our next three module topics are Cycles in Nature, Westward Expansion, and Insects. The students will continue to work in small group centers, which will include independent reading, i-Ready, writing, and guided reading (with me).

Don't forget each night your child should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes and logging all the books that are read. The book log with a minimum of 45 books will be due on March 16th, as this is the last day of the 3rd nine weeks.

Phonics

Each day your child receives between 30-45 minutes of phonics instruction. This time is used to teach and/or review sight words, letter clusters, and sentence mechanics. It is important that your child does not miss this instruction. Many of the lessons build upon previous knowledge and all of the assessments check the material and is cumulative over the entire course of the school year.

***3rd Nine Weeks Change-Spelling tests will be graded for proper capitalization. Therefore, any word that includes the misuse of capital letters will result in a loss of points. It is important that your child begins to decipher the difference between when to use and not to use capital letters.

Math

We are currently working in our addition and subtraction module. Your child will be bringing home classwork and/or homework with "foreign" (to you) strategies. Please do not panic. The goal of these strategies are to guide your child to the standard algorithm (the way we learned). Your child should be able to complete his/her homework each night with minimal assistance. Our math block is sixty minutes half of which is guided/direct instruction.

Science

This quarter the students will be learning all about matter. We will read, write, and complete several experiments as we familiarize ourselves with the vocabulary and important concepts on this topic.