



# Corbitt & Davis Connection



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## Non-Perishable Food Drive

CTE began its ninth annual "I can stay drug free" campaign during Red Ribbon week. The drive will continue through November 20<sup>th</sup>. All of the food that is collected will be donated to our local food bank. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause!!!

## Sweet Field Trip!

Very soon your child will bring home his/her first field trip permission slip. We will be going to Sweet Pete's Candy Shop. The dates are set for December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We would ask that when you receive the permission slip that you please send in your child's money in exact change if possible and in a sealed envelope. Thank you!!!

## Goal Setting

As famous quote attributed to Carl Bard says, "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." This week your child is bringing home his/her report card for the first nine weeks. We would encourage you to talk with your child about specific academic successes and struggles that he/she may have had during the first nine weeks. Once those have been identified we would ask you to help your child set an attainable goal for the second nine weeks and then make a plan to accomplish that goal. We are excited to see what happens when the students put their minds to achieving their goals!

## Important Dates to Remember

Now-Nov. 20	Non-perishable Food Drive "I CAN be drug free"
November 4	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
November 5	Report Cards Go Home
TBA	Awards Ceremony
November 11	No School-Veteran's Day
November 18	Early Dismissal@ 1:45 p.m.
Nov. 25-30	No School (weather days and Thanksgiving break)

**Red Folder Goes Home on Wednesdays**

## Academic Updates

### ELA

This month in ELA, we will be wrapping up our unit on poetry. The students have been reading biographies and will be "publishing" an essay on a poet they selected to study. The next unit is on simple machines. The kids will learn how to read science text and to produce an opinion writing piece. They will also continue practicing decoding unknown words using prefixes and suffixes as well as learn lots of science vocabulary. Continue to read, read, read!!!

### Math

This month we will continue in our multiplication and division module. We have started learning about division. This is going to be especially hard for those students who do not know their multiplication facts so please continue to study them each night

### Science

This month in science the students will be participating in at least one science lab per week. The experiments will be done on small groups in class and the questions that follow may be done in groups or individually.

### What Can I Do At Home?

As a team, the 4th grade math teachers feel that the homework provided to us does not adequately prepare students for the tests provided to us. Therefore, we will be sending additional homework home on the back of the multiplication fluency sheet. They will have problems to do each day that match the types of questions on the test and therefore they match the types of questions on their FSA test. PLEASE enforce this homework at home! We feel that this is key to them performing better on the tests! We will also be reviewing these types of questions in class. Their problem sets will continue to come home if they are not finished in class and will need to be completed and returned the next day. Please let me know if you have any questions and as always, thank you so much for all the work you do at home with your child to help ensure their success!