



Corbitt Connection

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January Resource Schedule

P.E. 7th, 8th, 17th & 31st

Music: 4th, 16th & 30th

Art: 3rd & 28th

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the holiday time and are off to a great start for 2013! I would like to thank you in advance for your support as we get back into the swing of things and have a fabulous 2013 at school!

Homework Changes

Now that we are in the second half of the year, it is important that your child reads for 30 minutes each night. Your child will also need to begin learning the multiplication facts as we are beginning timed quizzes next week! Your child will be expected to solve 25 problems accurately in three minutes or less.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Today your child is bringing home the results from our "winter" math benchmark testing. This is known as "practice FCAT." For this week's tip I would ask that you please review the information so that you will know which area(s) to focus on to ensure your child's success in math. Don't forget we have MANY online resources that your child can utilize.

*FYI-In order to stay on track for a level 3 on the math FCAT in math each of the tested categories should be at 72% or higher.

Important Dates to Remember

January 9	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
January 17	End of the 2 nd 9 weeks
January 18	No School- Teacher Day
January 21	No School-Dr. MLK Jr. Day
January 23	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will look at Author's Purpose. The three main purposes that an author chooses to write are to persuade, inform, and entertain (PIE). I would encourage you to talk about these purposes with your child at home during his/her at home reading.

Writer's Workshop

This week we are ready to start our third genre of the year, Procedural/Functional (How to). This is always a fun genre because we get to tell how to make/do things. In order to make the writing process a little easier we will make/do a few things so that we can write about them.

Skills Block

This week the students will get a new word of the week to help build their vocabulary. Most excitedly we will begin learning cursive! This is something that the students have really been looking forward to all year. *Spelling words will go home on Monday for the Jan. 17th test.

Math

This week we will begin learning about geometry and measurement. This is a large unit with TONS of vocabulary words! Please be on the look out for a study sheet that will come home with your child in the next week or so. We are also going to begin timed multiplication quizzes next week. Next Friday, we will have our timed multiplication tests on 2's. Please make sure you are studying every night!

Science

This week we will continue to learn about matter. We have a few more things to learn before switching back to social studies.

Social Studies

We are not quite ready to return to social studies, but we will be ready soon.

Homework Schedule

We will ease back into homework with reading only this week. Please note that the reading time expectation has increased to 30 minutes of daily independent at home reading.