

# Corbitt Connection

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## January Resource Schedule

Art: 28<sup>th</sup> Music: 30<sup>th</sup> P.E.: 31<sup>st</sup>

## FCAT Parent Night

Mark your calendars! Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will host an FCAT Parent Night. Please make plans to attend, as this is sure to be an informative meeting.

## Capitalization, Punctuation & Spelling

As we begin with the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks everything that your child turns in will need to have correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling (if a commonly used/sight word). Your child has been taught and given time to practice and now will be held responsible for proper use. Each error will result in a one point deduction - up to ten points on every assignment.

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

Last week the students took a Mid-Year Reading assessment. Today your child is bringing home a copy of the results. After reviewing the results I went through our online resources and assigned activities that specifically address the areas where your child needs additional practice. As a reminder all of the online resources can be accessed through the "Links" page of our classroom website. The sites again are Compass Odyssey, Destination Success, and Study Island.

\*\*\*My personal preference would be to encourage you to utilize the Compass Odyssey website because this site has lessons that are great for review followed by an assessment. The username and password are the same that your child uses when accessing Destination Success and went home on a label in your child's planner on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Important Dates to Remember

January 23	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
January 29	Report Cards Go Home
January 31	FCAT Parent Night @ 6 p.m.

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week our focus in reading will be to identify and describe the elements of story structure, including character/character development, setting, plot, and problem/solution in a variety of fiction.

### Writer's Workshop

This week we will continue to work on the procedural/functional writing (how to) genre and the goal is to finish up the publishing process.

### Skills Block

This week the students will get their next set of *Words their Way* spelling words, for their February 1<sup>st</sup> spelling test. We will review the prefixes and suffixes that we have already learned, expand our vocabulary with a new "word of the week" and continue to learn a few more cursive letters. It's sure to be a busy week!

### Math

This week we will continue our geometry and measurement unit. We will focus on making new shapes by cutting apart a shape and rearranging the pieces. Your child will be asked to do this manipulation visually after having a time to practice with paper and scissors.

We will also continue our timed multiplication quizzes. Please look over your child's quiz from last week. If he/she scored a 100% it is time to move on to the next set of facts if not then the previous set of facts will need more work. It is critical that your child is able to answer all the multiplication facts accurately and quickly.

### Science & Social Studies

We will wrap up our matter unit this week and we will return to social studies after that.

## Homework Schedule

Tuesday: Math \*

Wednesday: Spelling \*

Thursday: Math \*

\*EACH night your child should also read for a minimum of **30 minutes** and practice the multiplication facts. Remember the quizzes will be timed so the facts must be answered quickly!