

# 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>

## Reading Updates

Today you are getting an update on your child's winter DRA and FAIR assessments. Please review the data and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

\*\*\*FYI-FAIR numbers should be at around 50% or higher in each category at this time of the year.

## Report Cards

Your child is getting his/her second nine weeks report card tomorrow. After you look over your child's report card please sign and detach the small rectangle in the bottom right hand corner and return in the given envelope as soon as possible. If I have requested a conference with you or you would like to request a conference with me please let me know of a date and time and I will do my best to accommodate your request.

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

This week's tip is to ask you to mark your calendars so that you can plan on attending our "Chill Out About FCAT" FCAT Parent Night, which will be THIS Thursday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m. Teachers and staff will be there to speak to you about the FCAT. We are very aware of the nervousness that surrounds this very important test and we would like to provide suggestions on how to ease these feelings.

\*\*\*Your child brought home a purple notice on Friday. Please complete and return if you plan on attending so that we can have an accurate count. Again, I hope that you will make every effort to attend!

## Important Dates to Remember

January 29	Report Cards Go Home
January 31	FCAT Parent Night @ 6 p.m.
February 1	Spelling Test
February 4	100 <sup>th</sup> Day!!!

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week we will spend a little bit more time identifying and describing the elements of story structure in fiction. The students will also get a chance to review their winter data and update their reading goals.

### Writer's Workshop

This week we will wrap up the procedural/functional writing (how to) genre.

### Skills Block

This week the students will take their next *Words their Way* spelling test on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will look again using context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. We will also continue to learn a few more cursive letters. We have almost learned all of the lowercase letters with "tails."

### Math

This week we will continue our geometry and measurement unit. We will focus on congruency and symmetry in shapes. As a reminder congruent figures are figures that are the same shape and size. A shape has symmetry if it can be folded along a line so that both parts match exactly.

We will also continue our timed multiplication quizzes. Please try to squeeze in time to practice the "facts of the week." A suggestion might be to practice the facts orally while in the car.

### Science & Social Studies

We are finally returning to Social Studies and we will now be taking a break from Science.

## Homework Schedule

Monday: Math \*

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!