

# Corbitt Connection

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## October Resource Schedule

P.E.: 23<sup>rd</sup>

Art: 29<sup>th</sup>

Music: 31<sup>st</sup>

## Homework Schedule

Monday: Start *Drops in the Bucket* \*

Tuesday: Finish *Drops in the Bucket* \*

Wednesday: Spelling \*

\* 20 Minutes of independent reading-don't forget 7 (or more) book responses are due no later than THIS Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

I have another FREE online resource that is available to you if you are looking for additional ways to help your child at home. It is Destination Success, the link is on our class website on the "Links" page. This year the River Deep usernames and passwords have changed. Your child's username is the same username as his/her Study Island username (s followed by his/her 8 digit student number). The password is a little more complicated. It is your child's first initial with a capital letter, the 2 digit birth day, last initial with a lowercase letter followed by his/her four digit social security number. This week's tip is to have your child check out the activities on Destination Success.

## Important Dates to Remember

This Week	Red Ribbon Week
October 25	Book Character Parade
	7 Book Responses are due
October 26	NO SCHOOL ☺
November 2	Spelling Test
November 16	Fall Carnival

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week we will continue working with context clues to help us infer the meaning of unknown words. We will also take our first unit test, which will be comprised of everything that we have learned this year. Some of the skills include, but are not limited to, guide words, multiple meaning words and of course our previous reading strategies. This will be an excellent gauge of how well your child has learned and retained the skills and strategies so far this year.

### Writer's Workshop

This week we will look at the writing standards and create our writing rubric. The students will use the rubric that they help create to decide whether or not their writing is "good enough."

### Skills Block

This week the students will get their next set of *Words their Way* spelling words for their November 2<sup>nd</sup> spelling test. We will also discuss our new word of the week and work with the prefixes un- (meaning not) and re- (meaning again).

### Math

This week we will continue to work with multiplication and finding factors with arrays. This will be the perfect transition into division, which is next on our list. The students have already gotten some practice with division when we solved the missing factor story problems. As we work through division the students will be encouraged to find a strategy that works best for them.

### Science

Last week we focused on stars and the students even had an opportunity to make their own constellations. This week our learning will be focused on the sun. It's a hot topic!

### Social Studies

We are still on a short break from Social Studies. We will return after we wrap up our space unit in science.