

Corbitt Connection

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November Resource Schedule

P.E.: 30th Music: 29th Art: Dec. 5th *

*changed due to benchmark testing

Holiday Season

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. With the holiday season just around the corner excitement is building more and more each day. I am excited too; I already have my Christmas shopping done and have begun planning for the hustle and bustle of our break. However, I want to encourage you to try and keep your child's routine as close to "normal" as you can. Bedtimes and balanced meals are especially important during this high excitement time. Over the next three weeks (yes, that's all there is until winter break) some of the things that we will be working on include: reading and math District benchmark tests, a school-based reading benchmark test, as well as the "normal" weekly tests and quizzes. This is why even though it may be difficult for you; it is so critical that you try to keep your child's routine as close to "normal" as possible. As always, thank you for your continued support.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

Do you know about <http://www.ixl.com/>? It is a wonderful interactive website that is full of tons of math skills that your child can practice at home for FREE in a fun and game-like way! I would recommend this site as a way to keep "old" information fresh as well as a way to build on to the new information that is being learned daily. Since the site is organized by grade level you can go up or down depending on your child's need. For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to utilize this website. If you do, please let me know what you think. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 28 "Winter" Benchmark Testing Begins
Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will continue learning about how to identify the theme or message the author wants us to learn. Fables are an excellent resource for developing this skill if you would like to practice more with your child at home.

Writer's Workshop

The students will continue writing their persuasive essays this week. They are beginning to sound very powerful; I love the support and evidence they are providing!

Skills Block

Words their Way spelling words are on a short break. For the next two weeks we will be focusing on spelling sight words. These words do not have a pattern and will need to be memorized. We will also look at the prefix mis- (meaning wrongly or badly) and the suffix -y (meaning full of) and wrap up our work with antonyms and synonyms for a little while.

Math

This week we will continue working with combinations. The two most important things to remember are 1. be neat and 2. use everything! Several students have shared their strategy for solving these types of math problems-I hope your child finds his/her way!

Science

This week science returns as we begin learning about matter! Science is always a fun time during our day.

Social Studies

This week we will wrap up our Old & New Communities with an assessment on the Navajo and Cherokee people and then we will take a short break until after the holiday break.

Homework Schedule

Tuesday: Math & Reading
Wednesday: Spelling & Reading
Thursday: *Drops in a Bucket* & Reading

*Don't forget to *record* your reading!