



# Corbitt Connection

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## December Resource Schedule

P.E.: 4<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Music: 10<sup>th</sup>

Art: 5<sup>th</sup>

## Progress Reports

Tomorrow your child will bring home his/her progress report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. Please be sure to sign and return one copy of your child's progress report as soon as possible. If you are interested in scheduling a conference with me please let me know of a day and time (other than Tuesday or Thursday afternoons) that is convenient for you and I will do my best to accommodate you. As always, thank you for your support at home! ☺

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

One of the major skills that I remember from when I was in third grade was the memorization of the multiplication facts. I have spent time teaching the students how to think through these types of problems and now the students are ready to begin memorizing the facts.

This week's tip is to check out the suggested website below and/or use whatever tools/strategies to help your child learn the multiplication facts.

[resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathy/math.html](http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathy/math.html)

In order to make the link more easily accessible it has been added to the "Links" page of our classroom website. I would like to encourage you to check it out!

## Important Dates to Remember

Today	"Winter" Benchmark Testing
Dec. 4	Progress Reports Go Home
	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
	Items Come in
	Polar Express Night 6-8 p.m.
Dec. 7	Spelling Test
Dec. 12	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 13	<i>Nutcracker</i> Field Trip

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week we will be working on the comprehension strategy of questioning. This strategy requires your child to think deeply about what he/she is listening to and reading on his/her own. There are four types of questions we will be exploring including: Right There, Think and Search, Author and You, and On my Own.

### Writer's Workshop

We are really moving through the persuasive genre! This week many of the students will begin peer and/or teacher conferencing and even publishing!

### Skills Block

This week the students will take their last spelling test of 2012. It is critical that your child not only knows how to spell each of the sight words from the list but also how/when to use them. Common mistakes are misusing there and their, where and were, want and went, and think and thank. We will also expand our vocabulary with a new word of the week and explore the prefixes pre- (before) and in- (not).

### Math

This week we will wrap up combinations as we wrap up our multiplication and division unit. Next up is our geometry and measurement unit!

### Science

This week we will continue learning about matter and how to observe and measure its properties.

### Social Studies

We are on a short break until after the holiday break.

## Homework Schedule

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

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