

Corbitt Connection

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February Resource Schedule

P.E.: 11th, 22nd & 26th

Music: 21st

Art: 20th

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 18th is President's Day. Enjoy the three day weekend!

FCIM Reading & Math

This week we will begin our third week of FCIM Reading and FCIM Math. During our FCIM time we are reviewing explicit instruction and practicing previously taught standards. This week during FCIM reading our focus will be on identifying author's purpose, to persuade, inform or entertain. During FCIM math we will focus on solving multiplication and division fact problems by using strategies that result from applying number properties.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

The students have been taking timed multiplication quizzes for the past several weeks. Some weeks the scores are better than others. This week's tip is for you to please make sure that your child is practicing the multiplication facts so that he/she can earn a good grade on the quiz that will be given this week. You can use whatever you think is best for your child to learn these facts. Some ideas include, but are not limited to, flashcards, writing the facts, or even the math magician website, which can be found on the "Links" page of our classroom website.

Important Dates to Remember

February 12-13	"Spring" Benchmark Testing
February 14	Valentine's Day <3
February 15	Spelling Test
February 18	No School-President's Day
February 20	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
February 22	Black History Month Projects & Scholastic Book Orders due

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will focus on our BIG FOX strategy with our *Scholastic News* magazines. These are high interest nonfiction articles with grade level text and tons of great text features! You can get a copy of a great graphic organizer to use with the strategy on our classroom website.

Writer's Workshop

This week we will continue our Report writing genre with the researching process.

Skills Block

This week the students will take their next set of *Words their Way* spelling test. We will also continue analyzing words in texts by using context clues to determine their meaning as we focus on building our vocabulary.

Math

We began our fraction unit late last week. We looked at dividing shapes into equal parts. This week we will dig into how we can write a fraction to name a part of a whole (terms: numerator and denominator), how we can write a fraction to name part of a set, and how we can find a fractional part of a set.

Science & Social Studies

We will continue learning how to read and create our own timelines during social studies this week. The students will also begin learning about famous African Americans in history. I hope that your child has already selected his/her person for his/her Black History project. Be sure to follow the directions carefully!

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!