

# Corbitt Connection

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## April Resource Schedule

Music: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

P.E.: 4<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Art: 12<sup>th</sup>

## T-shirt Request

We will have Play Day soon and two upcoming field trips. If you are able to send in a plain white t-shirt for your child so that it can be made (tie dyed) into our class shirt I would REALLY appreciate it!

## FCAT Reading Tip

Back in January I let you know about a great FCAT reading resource called FCAT Explorer. If your child has not utilized this resource I would highly recommend it. ☺

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

Right now we as we approach the final days before FCAT we must remember the very delicate balance of preparation and seriousness without anxiety. Many of the students are still very nervous. If you could please help me to calm their nerves by keeping all FCAT talk as positive as possible I would really appreciate it!

Please see the attached sheet for some very important FCAT testing tips/reminders. These will be extremely helpful this week, and next, as we begin our final preparations. Thanks so much!!!

\*\*\*Right now more than anything else your child needs us to be his/her cheerleaders. He/she needs to believe that he/she can "stomp" the FCAT and he/she needs to know that you believe it too. As always thank you so much for your support! ☺

## Important Dates to Remember

April 3	End of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks
	21 Book Responses Due
April 5	No School-Teacher's Day

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week we will take a practice FCAT test (with released test questions) and have an opportunity to discuss the passages, questions, and correct answers. I will also use this information to determine groups as we work on reviewing the skill(s) that your child need(s).

We will also continue our FCIM reading with word work lessons. Our focus will be on base/root words and affixes.

### Writer's Workshop

The students will be looking for ways to incorporate the nonfiction text features that they learned about in reading into their own reports.

### Skills Block

Spelling is still on a short break. We will review the various reading skills learned throughout the year with additional guided reading groups and reading centers. We will also learn a few more capital cursive letters.

### Math

This week we will review everything that has been taught this year and make sure that the students have a strategy to solve each type of problem. Please see the additional letter on the back of this page for a more detailed explanation of how you can help prepare your child for testing.

### Science & Social Studies

This week we will learn about some ways that energy changes form as we wrap up our energy unit.

## Homework Schedule

Tuesday: Correct Math Test \*

Wednesday: Correct Math Test \*

Thursday: Correct Math Test \*

\*EACH night your child should also read for a minimum of **30 minutes (or more)** and practice the multiplication facts. Remember the quizzes will be timed so the facts must be answered quickly!