



# Corbitt Connection

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## May Resource Schedule

P.E.: 24<sup>th</sup> & Music: 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Dress Code Reminders

As we enjoy the warmer weather I wanted to remind you of the school's dress code. All dresses, shorts, skirts, and skorts need to be at least as long as your child's fingertips when his/her arms are relaxed at his/her side. I also want to remind you that on days when we have P.E. your child needs to wear shoes that enclose his/her feet, for safety purposes. As always, thank you for your support. ☺

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

Each spring the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students perform a Poetry Slam. This year your child will be participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Chaffee Trail Poetry Slam. The students have already formed small groups, chosen their poems and have begun practicing for the event. This year's Poetry Slam will be Thursday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m. in our school's cafeteria. This week's tip is to ask you to help your child memorize his/her poem. This will require some hard work and dedication but in the end it will be worth it. Also, your child's presentation of his/her poem will count towards his/her 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks reading grade as part of the Listening and Speaking Standard which states, "The student will plan, organize, and give an oral presentation and use appropriate voice, eye, and body movements for the topic, audience, and occasion." Thanks for all you do!

## Important Dates to Remember

May 13-17	Book Fair in our Library
May 17	Play Day w/ Coach Hayes
May 22	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
May 27	No School-Memorial Day
May 28	Book Responses Due
May 30	Poetry Slam @ 1:00 p.m.

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

We are well into our Verna Aardema author study. She has retold many fascinating African folktales, which have included valuable life lessons. We will continue our author study again this week. This week we will dig into the biography of Verna Aardema, as well as read a few more of her tales.

\* I will also continue DRA testing this week.

### Writer's Workshop

This week the students will be expected to have a published report completed for their writing portfolios.

### Skills Block

This week we will continue our revisit of adjectives. The students will also take their last *Words their Way* spelling test this Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also spend some in class time working on the presentation of the poems that the students selected for the Poetry Slam and continue to build vocabulary through words of the week.

### Math

This week we will continue working with numbers with decimals, including comparing and ordering decimals. Upon completing this topic we will move on to finding factors and multiples of numbers.

### Science & Social Studies

This week we will finish learning about local, state, and national government and then switch back to science as we learn about animals.

## Homework Schedule

Monday: Math \*

Tuesday: Math \*

Wednesday: Spelling\*

Thursday: Math \*

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