

Corbitt Connection

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September Resource Schedule

Music: 6th, 17th & 27th
P.E.: 7th, 11th, 19th & 28th
Art: 14th

Early Dismissal

Our first early dismissal day is **tomorrow**. The dismissal time will be at 1:45 p.m. Please make sure that you have made arrangements for your child.

Homework Schedule

Monday: No School ☺

Tuesday: Math (addition facts)*

Wednesday: Math (3-1 using addition)*

Thursday: Math (3-2 adding greater numbers)*

* 20 Minutes of independent reading

“What Can I Do at Home?”

I have completed almost all of the DRAs and one of the things that I am noticing is that many of the students are struggling with interpreting what they think the author is trying to say. For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to talk with your child about the author's message. This is a higher level thinking skill that often requires a lot of practice. Any extra help that you can give your child will only benefit him/her!!!

***On a side note-I will be sending home your child's updated DRA level (independent reading level) as soon as I am finished administering the rest of the DRAs. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

Tomorrow	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
Now-Sept. 7	Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Sept. 10-14	Book Fair in our Library
September 13	Open House @ 7:00 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

We have spent the first two weeks learning about what Reader's Workshop is and what it will look like in our classroom. This week we are ready to move on to learning about our first comprehension strategy of the year. Our focus this week will be on inferring. We infer when we use the information in the text we are reading with our background knowledge to make guesses about the text.

Writer's Workshop

Now that we have reviewed the mechanics of Writer's Workshop we are ready to jump into our first genre. This week we will begin digging deeper into Narrative (story) writing.

Skills Block

During our skills block this week the students will be working with ABC order and other dictionary skills including guidewords, syllables, and looking at root words.

Math

This week we will move into our addition and subtraction unit. Our main focus will be on adding 4, 5, and 6-digit numbers. Some of the addends will require regrouping and therefore the students must be very careful when determining the sums.

*Automaticity and accuracy of the basic math facts (0-9) will be extremely beneficial to your child; therefore, we will be practicing the addition facts and your child will be given a **timed** quiz on these facts this week.

Science

This week we will begin learning about the tools that scientists use. We will also practice using our five senses to observe and record details from our surroundings.

Social Studies

We are taking a short break from social studies so that we can begin our first science unit.