



# Corbitt Connection

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## January Resource Schedule

P.E.: 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

Music: 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Art: 28<sup>th</sup>

## NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, is a Teacher's Planning Day and Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Enjoy your four-day weekend!

## Multiplication Sundaes

It is critical that your child masters each set of multiplication facts (0x0 -12x12). As an incentive to sweeten the deal of learning the multiplication facts your child will earn a piece to our ice cream sundaes with each mastered set of facts. First a bowl, then a spoon, then up to three scoops of ice cream and then come the toppings. Who knew math could be so yummy?!?

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

Exactly 13 weeks from today your child will take the reading part of the FCAT. This test is an important part of your child's third grade school year. With this in mind I would like to tell you about yet another free resource that will help prepare your child for the upcoming FCAT test. The website is FCAT Explorer. Your child's username is his/her last name followed by his/her first initial and the password is the number 16 followed by the first four letters of his/her last name followed by his/her birthday MMDD with NO spaces. After logging on click on the "Reading Resources" section. Next, click on Galactic Library-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Benchmarks. This week's tip is to encourage you to allow your child to utilize this free and fun resource. As always, thank you for your support at home! ☺

## Important Dates to Remember

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| Jan. 14-17 | Celebrate Literacy Week            |
| January 17 | End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks |
| January 18 | No School- Teacher Day             |
| January 21 | No School-Dr. MLK Jr. Day          |

## What's Hoppin' Academically

### Reader's Workshop

This week your child will take a practice FCAT test (I will share results with you as soon as I have them). We will also review compare and contrast and I will continue the "winter" DRAs.

### Writer's Workshop

This week we will continue to work on the procedural/functional writing (how to) genre.

### Skills Block

This week the students will continue to work with their spelling words for our January 17<sup>th</sup> spelling test. We will continue learning a few more lowercase cursive letters.

### Math

This week we will continue our geometry and measurement unit. We will focus on combining and separating shapes and making new shapes. Vocab knowledge is a MUST for this!

\*FYI Last week the kids loved using straws to build triangles and quadrilaterals and this is a manipulative that you can use at home! Remember it is VERY important that your child can identify by sight and definition all of the vocabulary words in this unit. Please review them as needed. We are also going to continue timed multiplication quizzes this week.

This week we will continue our timed multiplication quizzes. Please look over your child's quiz from last week. If he/she scored a 100% it is time to move on to the next set of facts (3s), if not then the previous set of facts (2s) will need more work.

### Science & Social Studies

We will wrap up our matter unit next week and we will return to social studies after that.

## Homework Schedule

Monday: Math \*

Tuesday: Spelling \*

Wednesday: 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!