



Corbitt Connection

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October Resource Schedule

P.E.: 19th, & 23rd

Music: 18th, & 31st

Art: 29th

Homework Schedule

Monday: Math *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling *

Thursday: Math *

* 20 Minutes of independent reading-
don't forget 7 (or more) book responses are
due no later than Thursday, October 25th.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

A few weeks ago the students took their first FAIR, Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading, test of the year. This is a reading assessment that is taken three times each year. During each assessment period the students will be tested in three distinct aspects of reading. The three parts to the test include a reading comprehension piece with passages and questions, a text with missing words that the student must choose which word from three choices would best complete the sentences, and finally a spelling section. Today your child is bringing home his/her parent letter that outlines your child's results as well as a couple of suggestions to build your child's reading. For this week's tip I would ask that you review your child's letter and then consider the suggestions that I made. Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's results or the suggested activities.

Important Dates to Remember

Today	PTA Fundraiser Begins
October 17	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
October 19	Smile-it's picture day! ☺ Spelling Test
October 25	7 Book Responses are due

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will examine ourselves as readers. We will learn about metacognition (thinking about our thinking) as well as set several reading goals after reviewing our data (FAIR and DRA). We will also look at how we can use context clues to help us infer the meaning of unknown words. We will be VERY busy again this week!

Writer's Workshop

This week we will be looking at how we can provide closure to our stories besides just saying "the end" as we wrap up learning the elements of the 3rd grade narrative writing standards.

Skills Block

This week we will review guidewords and how to use them, homophones, and begin working with our first set of prefixes. The students will also take their *Words their Way* spelling test this Friday, October 19th.

Math

This week we will continue to work with multiplication. The students will learn how to combine multiplication problems. An example of this type of problem would be, I have 3 cookies. Each cookie has 4 chocolate chips in it. Later that day I baked 5 more cookies and each of those cookies had 5 chocolate chips in it. How many chocolate chips do I have altogether? This is not really difficult but is multi-stepped. We will also spend more time with arrays in order to find factors of 2-digit numbers up to fifty.

Science

Science is back! Space is our next topic, which goes perfectly with this year's school theme. Our first step will be to learn about stars and constellations. We will even learn about how we can observe the sun safely.

Social Studies

Last week the students had a chance to write their own recycling/environment conservation skits. They are so cute! Now we are heading back to science for a few weeks.