



Corbitt Connection

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December Resource Schedule

Music: 10th & P.E.: 12th

Nutcracker Field Trip

It is finally (almost) here! This Thursday, Dec. 13, we will go see *The Nutcracker*. It is a nice trip that allows us to dress a little fancier than a regular field trip. We will leave school around 9:00 a.m. and return at around 1:00 p.m. We will not eat lunch until we return to school so please be sure your child eats a good breakfast, and I will provide a snack to enjoy during intermission. As a reminder parents that are joining us must drive themselves but are encouraged to car pool.

Party Reminder

Friday is our party! The children are permitted to wear their pajamas to school. However, please keep the dress code in mind when dressing your child. Also, your child may bring slippers to wear inside but MUST wear real shoes when outside.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

We have just a few more days before the long awaited winter break. I hope that this is a great time for you and your family. Even though there is no official homework during the break I do want to let you know about the Winter Packets that have been put together for each grade level online-check duvalschools.org for more info.

While you are online don't forget about the wonderful resources available through Study Island and Destination Success. The passwords to these websites are in your child's planner (they were sent home right before Thanksgiving).

***Also, do not forget the power of the good ol' fashion "just right" book!

Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 12	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
Dec. 13	<i>Nutcracker</i> Field Trip
Dec. 14	Holiday Party!
Jan. 2	Welcome Back!!!

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will continue to work on the questioning strategy. This week our focus will be on using this strategy with nonfiction and our *Scholastic News* magazines.

Writer's Workshop

This week we are going to try and finish up the Persuasive writing genre. The planning, first drafts and peer conferences are done. I am finishing up my list of teacher conferences and then everyone is ready to publish!

Skills Block

This week the students will learn two more prefixes, non- and dis- (both meaning not). We will also review the parts of speech as we write Christmas and/or winter poems.

Math

This week we will spend time reviewing everything that has been taught so far this year. When we return in January we will begin our geometry and measurement unit. We will also begin timed multiplication quizzes in January so the break would be a great time to begin learning the facts! I would like to encourage you to make or buy flashcards for your child to use and don't forget about the multiplication games available online.

Science

This week we will continue learning about matter as we begin a three day experiment.

Social Studies

We are still on a short break from Social Studies and should be ready to pick it back up again after the holiday break.

Homework Schedule

Monday: *Drops in a Bucket* & Reading *

Tuesday: Math & Reading *

Wednesday & Thursday: None ☺

*Don't forget to **record** your reading! Seven responses are due for the second nine weeks on or before January 17th.