



Corbitt Connection

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September Resource Schedule

P.E.: 19th & 28th

Music: 27th

Please Join PTA

One way in which all families can help support Chaffee Trail is to join our PTA, the Parent Teacher Association. I would like to encourage anyone who has not yet done so to join. The cost is five dollars. The PTA helps support many great things here at our school. As an added bonus the first class to reach 100% membership earns an ice cream sundae or pizza party; with your help maybe it will be us!

“What Can I Do at Home?”

Homework is a great way to reinforce the skills and strategies that the students are working on in class. Each homework assignment is strategically chosen. A couple of weeks ago, when homework first began I asked you to establish a routine for completing homework. Many of you have done this-thank you! This week's tip is to once again ask you to make sure that your child is completing and returning his/her homework on time.

Homework Reminder: EACH night your child is expected to read for at least 20 minutes and record the reading in his/her planner, with the title of the book and the pages that were read. Homework is taken as a graded assignment and only the homework that is completed and returned on time will receive full credit. Thank you so much for everyone who continues to support your child's education at home. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

September 19	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
September 21	First spelling test ☺
September 24	Progress Reports Go Home

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will continue discussing the comprehension skill of Cause and Effect. Then we will move on to sequencing. Sequencing can be done with both fiction and nonfiction reading so we will be practicing this skill with both genres!

Writer's Workshop

This week we will be discussing different author's craft (such as dialogue, more specific vocabulary, and even repeating lines) and how we can add them into our narratives. We will also look at six exciting ways to begin our stories.

Skills Block

During our skills block this week the students will be building vocabulary, working with nouns and verbs, and of course preparing for their first *Words their Way* spelling test, which is THIS Friday, September 21.

Math

This week the students will begin looking at addition and subtraction story problems and the key words that help us determine which operation to use. After practice with solving addition and subtraction word problems we will move on to writing our own addition and subtraction problems.

Science

This week the students will have an opportunity to use some of the science tools that we have learned about to become real scientists. We will work to answer the question, how can a tool help scientists observe?

Homework Schedule

Monday: Math *

Tuesday: Math *

Wednesday: Spelling *

Thursday: Math *

*** 20 Minutes of independent reading with the title and number of pages read recorded in the peach box for that day in your child's planner.**