



Corbitt Connection

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January Resource Schedule

P.E. 9th, 10th, 19th, & 30th

Music: 6th, 18th, & 27th

Art: 12th

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the holiday time and are off to a great start for 2012! I would like to thank you in advance for your support as we get back into the swing of things and have a fabulous 2012 at school!

Homework Schedule

Monday: No School ☺

Tuesday: *Drops in the Bucket* *

Wednesday: Spelling *

Thursday: *Drops in the Bucket* *

*EACH night your child should also read for a minimum of **30 minutes** and practice the 2's multiplication facts.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week we are beginning a nonfiction study in both Reader's and Writer's Workshop. This is a genre that many students enjoy! For this week's tip I would like to encourage you to consider including some nonfiction reading in your daily/nightly at home reading. In fact, the Jacksonville Public Library recommends the following nonfiction books for students in grades 3rd -5th: *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal* by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, *Tsunami!* by Kimiko Kajikawa, *How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, and *Frogs* by Nic Bishop. Happy reading!

Important Dates to Remember

January 11	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
January 16	No School-Dr. MLK Jr. Day
January 19	End of the 2 nd 9 weeks
January 20	No School-Teacher Day
January 25	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.

What's Hoppin' Academically

Reader's Workshop

This week we will begin a nonfiction reading unit. We will study the features of nonfiction, as well as see how we can use the skills and strategies that we already know to help us read nonfiction.

Writer's Workshop

This week we are ready to start our fourth writing genre, which is Report/Informational writing. We will begin by selecting a topic and gathering facts. This is always a fun genre. I can't wait to get started!

Skills Block

This week the students will get their next set of spelling words-for their January 13th test. We will also be working with antonyms (opposites) and most excitedly we will begin learning cursive! This is something that the students have really been looking forward to all year.

Math

This week we will begin learning about geometry and measurement. This is a large unit with TONS of vocabulary words! Please be on the look out for a study sheet that will come home with your child in the next week or so. We are also going to begin timed multiplication quizzes this week. On Friday, we will have our timed multiplication tests on 2's. Please make sure you are studying every night!

Science

We will take a short break from space-not to worry we will return back to this topic later in the year.

Social Studies

We are finally ready to learn about those famous explorers of long ago.

Homework Changes

Now that we are in the second half of the year, it is important that your child reads for 30 minutes each night. Also, your child will receive two *Drops in the Bucket* sheets each week (see schedule) and each will be due the day after it is received.