



Corbitt Connection

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January Resource Schedule

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

Music: 18th, & 27th

Art: 12th

NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 16th, is a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope that you enjoy your three-day weekend!

Homework Schedule

Monday: Math

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 3's multiplication facts.

"What Can I Do at Home?"

As we are quickly approaching the end of the 2nd nine weeks I wanted to remind you of our book goal. In order to stay on track your child needs to have read and responded to 14 (or more) books on his/her reading level by Thursday, January 19th. This week's tip is to make sure that your child has done the 3 Rs. The 3 Rs are Reading, Responding, Returning, (**reading** for a minimum of thirty minutes each day at home, **responding** to the book read by answering the questions according to the book's genre, and then **returning** that response to school).

This week the students will also have a timed test on the 3's in multiplication. This does count as a quiz grade each week so please make sure these are being practiced every night! Don't forget your child can use the website Math Magician located on our "Links" page as a great way to practice these math facts.

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 look at how understanding the structure of nonfiction (and its text features) can help us to comprehend what we read.

***The students will also take their 2nd round of FAIR (Florida Assessment and Instruction in Reading) testing this week.

Writer's Workshop

This week the students will continue to gather facts on their topics. We will make sure that we use all of the text features to gather this information including interesting/specific vocabulary words, maps, graphs, charts, etc... An additional requirement that your child will be including in his/her report this year is a bibliography page, which must include at least three sources of information. Your child may use any combination of books, websites, and/or magazine articles.

Skills Block

This week the students will take their next *Words Their Way* spelling test this Friday, January 13th. We will also be working with the prefixes mis- (meaning badly or wrongly) and non- (meaning not) as well as reviewing how, why, and when we use a thesaurus. Cursive writing will continue as we make our way through the lowercase letters.

Math

This week we will continue learning in our geometry unit. We will focus on triangles, quadrilaterals, and how we can combine and separate shapes to make new shapes, forms, and figures. We are also going to continue timed multiplication quizzes this week. On Friday, we will have our timed multiplication tests on 3's. Please make sure you are studying every night!

Science

Science is still on a short break.

Social Studies

We will continue to learn about the explorers and the communities of long ago of North America.