



# Corbitt Connection

September 21, 2009



## Progress Reports

This Friday your child will be bringing home his/her first progress report of the year. Please be sure to look over your child's report and then sign and return the school copy as soon as possible. If I have requested a conference with you please check the date and time and let me know if you are available. If I have not requested a conference with you but you would like to request a conference with me, please be sure to mark it on the progress report and I will do my best to be available to you. As always, thank you for your support. ☺

## Magazines & Catalogs

Before you recycle or throw away those old magazines and catalogs please consider sending them to school. I have a box in the room for easy collection. We will be using them for various reading and science activities this year. Thanks for your help!

## "Pop" Tops

Mrs. Woodleif, our art teacher, will be collecting the tops of soda cans that pop off for the Ronald Mc Donald house again this year. We have a container in our classroom for easy collection. If you have any tops please feel free to send them in-it's for a great cause!

## "What Can I Do at Home?"

The possibilities that reading can uncover are endless. This is why that it is critical that you, your child's first teacher, show him/her that reading is important. There are several ways that you can do this. First and foremost, your child needs to see you reading. I would like to encourage you to establish a family reading time where everyone chooses a comfy spot and reads for 15-20 minutes. Next, while it is important that your child practices his/her reading, he/she also needs to hear "good" reading. Never underestimate the power of a great book!

## Writer's Workshop Update

This week we will continue working on narrative writing. The students will be working on including a beginning, middle, and an end. Other strategies that were taught last week include "snappy" beginnings and stretching out our details with the five senses.

## Reader's Workshop Update

This week we will be discussing the comprehension strategy Cause and Effect. This can be a difficult concept and usually requires a lot of discussion and practice; therefore, I encourage you to talk about the different causes and effects you encounter in the books you are reading in your daily at-home reading.

## Skills Block

This week we will begin reviewing the short vowels. We will start with "a." We will also continue to work on learning sight words, blending sounds, writing C-V-C (consonant-vowel-consonant) words and rhyming.

## Math Workshop Update

This week the students will be working on a variety of activities as they discover various counting strategies in our *Buil ding Number Sense* unit.

## Science Update

This week we will be using our five senses to discover how to be a scientist.

## Important Dates to Remember

September 23	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m.
September 25	Progress Reports Go Home
September 30	Scholastic Book Orders Due
October 2	Picture Day