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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons- Story Elements: This month we are learning that books take us on LOTS of adventures. Every time we open a storybook, we'll meet a character who is going places and doing things—and we'll get to go, too. During a reading adventure, readers go on mini-adventures along the way, and it's important to pay attention to where and when the story is happening.	At home, read with your child for at least 25 minutes. Talk about the characters in your child's books by asking questions like "Who is the main character?" and "How and why does the character's feelings change?" In addition, when you are reading with your child you can practice making predictions by asking, "What do you think will happen next? Why?" Try the book Owen by Kevin Henkes http://bkflix.grolier.com/sw/node-33978/bk0079pr !
Writing	From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction: This month in writing we are beginning a new unit of study where we will be writing a series of realistic fiction stories about our very own pretend characters.	At home, help your child by talking about what realistic fiction means. Realistic fiction stories have characters, a setting, problem and solution. You can practice planning out a story before your child writes it by writing a tree map with the headings; characters, setting, problem and solution. Try the book Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems, a great realistic fiction book, on Book Flix http://bkflix.grolier.com/sw/node-33984/bk0063pr !
Math	Two Digit Addition and Subtraction: This month in Math we are using all the strategies we have learned to solve number stories.	At home, review the different strategies we learned such as, doubles plus one and doubles minus one in number stories. For example, Adel drew 10 more stars than Charlie. Charlie drew 24 more stars. How many stars did Adel draw?
Science	Matter: This month we are beginning to learn about the different states of matter and their characteristics of solid, liquid, and gas.	At home, talk about the three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. Your child can draw a tree map of the three states with examples of each. Try the book Looking at Matter by Mary Clare Goller on https://nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com !
Social Studies	Community: This month we continuing to dive deeper into our understanding of the community we live in and expanding into the five boroughs of New York City.	At home, discuss the 5 boroughs of New York, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island and the Bronx. You could look up important places in each borough and write a few sentences about how the boroughs are the same and how they are different. Try the book The Green Queen by Marcie Aboff on https://nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com !

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Spring Recess, No School: Monday, April 10, 2017 – Tuesday, April 18, 2017
 School Resumes: Wednesday, April 19, 2017
 NYSESLAT Speaking Exam Begins: April 19, 2017