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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Readers get to know Characters by performing their books - This month we are learning that once you know a character from a book they are friends for life!	At home, read with your child for at least 25 minutes and have conversations about the characters' feelings, personality traits, lessons learned from the stories and even how feelings change across the story.
Writing	Writing Reviews - This month we are learning about a different type of writing called reviews, where we read a book and write our opinion about it.	At home, help your child by reading with your child and then asking your child to write a few sentences on why they liked the book. Remind to them to always write in full sentences and use the word "because." For example, they could write I liked this book because_____.
Math	Representing Data & Two Dimensional Geometry - This month we are learning how to collect information/data and put it into a graph so that we can organize our data. We are also looking around our world to notice shapes all around us.	At home, talk to your child about the different 2 dimensional shapes like circle, rectangles, diamonds, etc. They could then look around the house for different shapes and make a bar graph. Try Data and Graphs in https://www.ixl.com/math/grade-1
Science	Animal Diversity: This month we are continuing to learn about the characteristics of animals. We are also learning about animals and animal habitats through the arts in our school Dance Program, CREATE.	At home, talk about the different ways animals move and the different action words like waddle, fly, swim and slide. They could draw a bubble map of their favorite animal and think of words that describe them, then they could write full sentences using the describing words. Try the book <i>How Do Animals Stay Alive</i> by Margie Burton on www.Benchmarkuniverse.com !
Social Studies	Families Now and Long Ago - This month we are learning about the different roles and responsibilities of various types of family by reading different fiction and non-fiction books as well.	At home, talk about how families live differently today than long ago. With your child discuss how transportation and technology has changed. Your child can write a tree map on how technology and transportation has changed over time. Try the book <i>Communication</i> by Katherine Scrapper on www.Benchmarkuniverse.com !

Focus of the Month: Math

A great website to work with your child at home is IXL.com, They could practice problem solving, addition and subtraction and a lot more! Some great apps to use are: base ten math, count and match 1, number rack, thinking blocks, math splash and rocket math.

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - First Friday on a Wednesday

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - 100th Day of School

Monday, February 20, 2017 - Friday, February 24, 2017 - Mid-winter Recess