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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	<b>Learning About the World: Reading Nonfiction Books</b> - This month we are learning all the different ways, strategies that good readers can do to read hard words in the nonfiction genre.	At home, read with your child for at least 20 minutes and have your child put a post it on the most interesting parts of their books. They can write why they think it's interesting saying, "I think this is interesting because _____," and they could also practice reading their books to you.
Writing	<b>Non-fiction Chapter Books</b> - This month we are learning about a different type of writing called non-fiction writing, where we zoom in, think, and write about something we know all about. We will demonstrate our knowledge all about a topic to our reader through our writing and illustrations!	At home, help our child continue to write all about books by adding different types of pages. For example, they could add a diagram page. If they are writing an all about me book they could draw a diagram with labels of themselves.
Math	<b>Relationship Between Addition and Subtraction and Representing Data</b> - This month we are learning many different strategies to solve addition problems and number stories in multiple ways.	At home, practice different word problems and compare subtraction to addition. For example, 10-4=6 compared to 6+4=10. We will also start to learn how to read graphs. At home, you could make a graph about the weather and ask questions like "how many more sunny days are there than cloudy days?"
Science	<b>Weather and Seasons:</b> This month we are continuing to learn about the weather and season by taking a deep dive into some of our fiction and nonfiction texts to get a more in depth understanding of the ideas.	At home, you can ask your child what the weather is today and which season. You can have a discussion as to why the weather and seasons change and even do research at the library or online (with parent supervision). Then you can create an All-about chapter book about all you have learned together!
Social Studies	<b>Families Now and Long Ago</b> - 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 share traditions as part of their family history. With your child, discuss the different traditions that you share, for example singing special songs, wearing special clothes or celebrating different holidays.

## Focus of the Month: Technology

A great website to work on with your child at home is benchmarkuniverse.com. Every student received a login and password from their teacher. This website has books, many different kinds, fiction and non-fiction and the best part of the website is you could read books with your child on their level. If you don't have time to go to the library and need more books for your child to read, this is the perfect website to go to! At home, please encourage your child to read and practice letter sounds every day for 20 minutes.

## Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 2, 2016—First Friday (Technology)  
 Monday, December 26, 2016--Monday, January 2, 2017 SCHOOL CLOSED  
 Tuesday, January 3, 2017---SCHOOL RESUMES  
 Happy Holidays!