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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Help your child to take charge of their learning and reading by having them set goals such as reading for a certain number of minutes or pages each week.</li> <li>☺ Encourage your child to read thoughtfully by asking questions about the theme of the book and write well about their reading. They can use the frame: I used to think the theme was ____because “<u>text evidence</u>” but now I think ____because “_____.”</li> <li>☺ Help your child to notice the author’s craft and decisions by determining how the theme was developed and how another author may have developed the same theme in a different book. It is important for children to compare and contrast ways in which theme is developed across a text.</li> </ul>
Writing	Narrative Craft Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Help your child identify stories from their lives, remembering small moments that they can bring to class.</li> <li>☺ Tell stories to one another. Rehearsing stories can help students come in with a plan for writing.</li> <li>☺ Read your child’s writing with interest and appreciation. Pay close attention to the content instead of getting stuck on correcting all of their grammatical mistakes.</li> </ul>
Math	Whole Numbers and Base Ten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Practice fluency skills in multiplication and division.</li> <li>☺ Using the four square and a diamond method to help organize wordy mathematical situations.</li> <li>☺ Begin practicing and completing TenMarks assignments online to help with learning the new skills we are being introduced to.</li> </ul>
Science	Scientific Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺Students can research at home by collecting topics they may be interested in conducting research on.</li> <li>☺Encourage your child to read articles from National Geographic.</li> <li>☺Support your child by encouraging him or her to find appropriate text evidence that supports the hypothesis that they may be researching and to form questions for investigations.</li> </ul>
Social Studies	Geography in the Western Hemisphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Take a look at an atlas, viewing all the different types of maps that are used to represent physical, political, economic or cultural features.</li> <li>☺ View online at National Geographic.com to see how the Ice Age, weather, wind and water have changed the physical environment of the Western Hemisphere.</li> <li>☺ Think about how the characteristics of civilizations, such as religion, government and language shape a society and jot down questions that you may want to explore further about each topic.</li> </ul>

## Focus of the Month: PBIS Behavior

In September we start the year off right by reminding students how important good behavior is. We will continue to use our PBIS behavior plan and positive reward system with all grades. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take on the new challenge and responsibility of switching classes taking them one step closer to preparing themselves for middle school. By incorporating our PBIS system and providing continuous guidance, students will be able to strive for a great start to the school year. You can encourage your child’s positive behavior by asking them each day, “How many Jackson Bucks did you earn?” Remind them the importance of great behavior and being a good role model to others. Communication is a key to helping students do well overall in school. We look forward to a great year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade!