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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Readers will practice reading skills by using their super powers. They use pointer power, picture power, sight word power, partner power, sound power, persistence power and book talk power to help them read.	At home, please encourage your child to use their finger, pointing under each word he/she reads. Ask your child to study pictures and think, "What's going on here?" or "What is on this page that might help you figure out this word?" Ask your child to find sight words in his/her books. For example, words such as "is", "the", "like."
Writing	In Writing Workshop this month, writers write for readers. Students write books by drawing pictures and writing simple sentences about a real-life story.	At home, please encourage to your child to use their Foundations letters chart to help sound out words. Also, your child can write simple sentences by using the words of the week from their homework package. For example, "I can eat the spaghetti."
Math	In Math students will learn how to identify and describe three dimensional shapes, such as sphere, cylinder, and cube.	At home, please encourage your child to find different objects in real life that are three dimensional shapes. For example, cylinder, cube, cone, sphere. Also, ask your children to describe the objects. For example, a ball is a sphere and it rolls."
Science	In Science class, we will continue to talk about the life cycle of a tree and how trees change throughout the seasons.	At home, please ask your children what a Decidious tree is and what an Evergreen tree is. Your child can compare them by using a Double Bubble Map.
Social Studies	In Social Studies, we will continue learning about how people are the same and different. We will learn about how people celebrate different holidays and traditions.	At home, you and your child can discuss the different traits and characteristics in your family. Have your child draw a self-portrait and compare themselves to a family member. Then, you can discuss the similarity and difference of your child and the family member.

## Focus of the Month: Technology

This month the focus is on Technology. In Kindergarten, students are encouraged to read online [www.benchmarkuniverse.com](http://www.benchmarkuniverse.com) every day. Please check your child's folders for their username and password. Students also can learn phonics on the website: [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)



At home, please encourage your child to read and practice letter sounds every day.

We are excited to announce that Kindergarten classes will be participating in TheatreMoves! The Three C's workshops aligned with the NYCDOE Blueprint for Learning in Theater will focus on students practicing Concentration, Cooperation and Commitment while working in groups.

### Reminders:

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!** ☺