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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Following Characters into Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓞ Help your child to take charge of their reading life by having them read for 40 minutes each night making sure to complete their reading log at the conclusion of their reading.Ⓞ Encourage your child to read thoughtfully by asking questions and creating big ideas as they read such as inferring what type of person the character is or asking yourself how the character might overcome obstacles they are facing.Ⓞ You can further help your child at home by engaging them in discussions about the books they are reading them asking questions such as, "Why do you think the character acted the way they did?" or "How might you have overcome this obstacle?"
Writing	Realistic Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓞ You can prepare your child for this unit of study by talking about special times in their lives, vacations, special people, or lessons they have learned to help them generate ideas for their writing.Ⓞ Practice telling stories to one another. Rehearse how the story might go in preparation to write a similar story.Ⓞ 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.
Math	Place Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓞ Prepare for fourth grade by reviewing all your multiplication facts being able to recite them fluently.Ⓞ Examine numbers you see in daily life. Practice reading the numbers and comparing them to other numbers. Which number is greater? What is 10 more than the number I see? What is 100 more than the number I see?Ⓞ Practice using the "4 squares and a diamond" method for solving math problems. Pay close attention to the important information in the problem, decide what the problem is asking you to do.
Science	Plants and Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓞ Students can research at home by collecting information pertaining to their favorite animals, their habitats, and plants found in these habitats.Ⓞ Encourage your child to read articles from National Geographic.Ⓞ Review the steps in the scientific method with your child. You can even conduct observations and simple experiments with your child at home.
Social Studies	Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓞ Prepare for social studies by examining maps of New York noticing places and landforms such as major rivers and bodies of water. Look for Long Island and our Capitol, Albany, on the map.Ⓞ View maps online at National Geographic.com to examine where New York is located in our country and where it is located in the world! What states surround New York? Notice what oceans border New York and what countries are closest to New York.Ⓞ Examine different types of maps of New York and The United States such as political maps, physical maps, and climate maps noticing what each map shows. Think about how the information might be useful in daily life.

Focus of the Month: PBIS Behavior

In September, we start the year off right by reminding students of the importance of good behavior. Students are expected to practice safe, respectful, and responsible behavior at all times here at P.S. 24 Q. We have discussed what these behaviors look like with the students, and will continue to use our PBIS behavior plan and positive reward system with all grades to reinforce positive behavior. You can encourage your child by asking them each day, "How many Jackson Bucks did you earn?" Remind them of 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 4th grade!