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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	<b>Readers get to know Characters by performing their 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 25 minutes. Have your child reread to act out and make their reading sound smooth, like their talking. Have your child retell their book when they are done reading to make sure they understand what's happening in their books. Try reading <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> at <a href="https://nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com/">https://nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com/!</a>
Writing	<b>Writing Reviews</b> - 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 after reading with your child ask 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	<b>Representing Data &amp; Two Dimensional Geometry</b> - 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 <a href="https://www.ixl.com/math/grade-1">https://www.ixl.com/math/grade-1</a> where it is a fun interactive way to explore shapes.
Science	<b>Animal Diversity:</b> 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.
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 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.

### Focus of the Month: READING

This month we are focusing on understanding the meaning of what we are reading by retelling using our hands and sequence words. At home after reading with your child have them retell by touching each finger and using sequence words like First, Then, Next and Finally or Last.

### Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Tuesday January 2, 2018---SCHOOL RESUMES  
 Monday January 15, 2018 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Happy New Year!