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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Readers Have Big Jobs to Do: Fluency, Phonics and Comprehension	At home, read with your child for at least 25 minutes. Review the different strategies we learned to figure out tricky words, like; try the vowel two ways (long and short sounds), crash the parts together and look at all the parts of the word. At the end of the book ask your child what happened in the book to make sure they understood what they read. They can retell the book by using sequence words like First, Then, Next, and Finally.
Writing	Poems and Songs	At home, help your child by coming up with a few rhyming words and writing a poem with them. For example, they can think about the glued sounds we learned in FUNdations like –an and –am.
Math	Collecting Data and Two Dimensional Geometry	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.
Science	Animal Adaptation	At home, talk about the different habitats like ocean, forest and arctic animals. You could compare them by writing a double bubble map using describing words. Your child can then write sentences using the double bubble map to compare the habitats and how these animals survive.
Social Studies	Now and Then	At home, discuss how you and your family are influenced by the way how the communities have changed. How transportation influenced the way we live now and from a long time ago.

## Focus of the Month: Poetry

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### Reminders and Upcoming Events

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Family Friday –  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conference  
 March 30<sup>th</sup> – No School – Good Friday