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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Test Sophistication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This month in reading, we will be completing our test sophistication unit and gearing up for the state ELA test. ✓ *At home, ensure that your child is reading 50-60 minutes daily. Help them find a quiet place to curl up and get lost in a book! Stamina is key in completing the rigorous texts included in this year's ELA test. Remember to go to bed early each night before the state test and eat a nutritious breakfast!
Writing	Test Sophistication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students will perfect their answers for short and long response questions. Students should remember to make their answers "ADD" up to a 4! (Answer the question, Detail from the text, Detail from the text-and of course explain how your details supports your answer.) ✓ To support your child at home, read and annotate multiple nonfiction articles together. Check out the website: http://learnzillion.com/lessonsets/185-4th-grade-opinion-writing-responding-to-a-persuasive-prompt
Math	Fractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students will be continuing their fraction adventure by multiplying fractions and whole numbers and then move on to relate fractions to decimals by writing tenths and hundredths in both fraction and decimal form. We will be looking for patterns in decimals, comparing and ordering decimals and relate decimals to money. ✓ Have your child create a grocery list and using a sales flier have them add up the cost of the items on their list. Students are always encouraged to log on to Compass Learning for individualized practice tailored to meet your child's specific needs.
Science	Energy & Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students will learn about the different forms of energy, electricity, and the properties of magnets. They will learn where energy comes from, how people use energy resources, and investigate the difference between static and current electricity. To support your child's learning you can log onto www.education.com, www.learn360.com, or http://sciencespot.net/pages/kdzphysics3.html for even more exciting information on electricity and magnetism.
Social Studies	Colonists & The American Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Students will examine colonial life and the persecution faced under British rule along with the important documents, which helped free and form our country. We will also examine the groups and individuals who helped strengthen America's democracy as well as the roots of American culture. ✓ Use websites such as http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/colonialplantation.htm to learn more about what life was like in colonial times.

Focus of the Month: Writing

Students have been diligently learning and honing their expository writing skills and are now ready to put their writing skills to the test! Students will be completing writing tasks which require them to answer short answer questions based on texts of varying genres as well as writing essays about single and multiple texts. Essays topics might include questions about theme, opinion, character traits and changes, and author's craft to name a few. Students will have to craft a brief introduction which states their thesis, body paragraphs which support their ideas and contain evidence to prove their point, and a conclusion to wrap up their thinking. You can aide your child at home by engaging them in opinion based discussions encouraging them to share their opinion and support it with reasons why they believe they are right. Parents can also ensure that nightly reading assignments are completed as class lessons usually stem from the homework from the previous night.

Upcoming Events

Family Friday- Writing Workshop March 2nd 2018