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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
<b>Reading</b>	In Reading Workshop this month, readers will read bigger books and use bigger reading muscles to become stronger readers. They will use all their reading strategies to read longer and harder books independently.	At home have your child figure out tricky words by looking at the picture and saying the first sound. Noticing the pattern by using all their reading strategies. Finally retell the story across their fingers by using sequence words such as: first, next, then, after that, and finally.
<b>Writing</b>	In Writing Workshop this month, children will write How-To Books. They will use sequence words like first, next, then, after that, and finally. Children will learn how write the steps to make or do something. For example, how to make a cake or how to ride a bike.	At home, rehearse with your child the steps they need to take in order to brush their teeth. The steps they take to eat breakfast. How to come to school. Read directions and make a paper airplane. Or bake a cake together and go over the steps together and use the sequence words: first, next, then, after that and finally.
<b>Math</b>	Children will learn to represent, count and write numbers 6 to 9. Children will also learn how to represent and compare numbers to 10.	At home, children can practice naming, and writing the numbers 6-9. Children can explain how they can represent any of those numbers. Practice comparing numbers by picking two numbers 1-10. Have the children explain which number is greater than or less than the other number.
<b>Science</b>	Kindergarten children will be introduced to the concept of matter. They will learn that everything around them is made of matter: like solid, liquid and gas. They will begin to explore how matter can be described, sorted and changed.	At home, for children to practice their knowledge of solids, liquid and gas, you can try the following activities. Make Jell-O with your child to observe how liquid forms into a solid. Take ice cubes out of the freezer. Have your child observe how ice turns from solid into a liquid when it melts. Pour water into a pan and bring it to a boil as they watch. Ask your child if they can see the hot air coming from the pan. This is steam, and steam is gas. Ask your child: blowing up a balloon is putting what type of matter into the balloon?
<b>Social Studies</b>	In Social Studies, Kindergarten children will learn about families. Your child will learn: What is a family? Why are families important? They will also learn that families have different histories and that family members have different rules.	At home, please discuss the importance of families and everyone's role in the family. Children can also create a family tree. Discuss your family tree with your child. Have your child draw a picture of something they did with their family recently.

## Focus of the Month: Reading

This month, the focus is on Reading. Students will be using "Stronger Reading Muscles", and learning new strategies to help your child become a stronger reader. It is very important that your child reads nightly and records his/her reading log. Ask your child to notice sight words and patterns in their books as well as pictures to help them read new and difficult words. Please read online [nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com](http://nycs.benchmarkuniverse.com).



Students also can learn phonics on the website: [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com). Take your child to the library weekly to borrow books. Try to choose books on their level and some goods books to read together.

### Reminders:

**Family Friday:** Reading, January 12th, 2018  
**Tuesday:** January 9th, 2018, Pizzeria Uno Trip Class K-305 & K-306  
**Wednesday,** January 10th, 2018. Pizzeria Uno Trip Class K-301 & K/1-322  
**Monday,** January 15th, 2018th Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)  
**Thursday,** January 18th Pizzeria Uno Trip Class K 303 & K-304