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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes	To help support your child's work at school and move up reading levels create book clubs at home! Get two copies so that you can both read together! Read alongside your child and discuss the text. Some questions you can talk about are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ How is the part of the story you read today important to the whole story? ☉ Explain why the author decided to write the story in this way. What decisions did the author make? (Author's Craft) ☉ What themes are especially important to your story? How do you know? ☉ How is the setting impacting the main character? How would the story change if the setting was different?
Writing	Narrative Craft Writing Continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Listen to your child's retellings and support them in expanding their ideas, encouraging them to add details and write those stories. ☉ Encourage your child to bring a writer's notebook whenever they go on family outings- these are wonderful times to notice small details, feelings, events, and interactions and write about them. ☉ Read a wide range of stories with your child to expand vocabulary, foster a love of reading and writing, and expose them to varied literary techniques. ☉ Enjoy word games and puzzles together to build vocabulary, such as crossword puzzles or Scrabble.
Math	Base Ten and Algebraic Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Try timing yourself to increase your fluency in multiplication. ☉ Use strategies related to place value to solve complex expressions. ☉ Continue to complete Tenmarks assignments including Jamming Sessions to help practice new skills and strategies we are learning in class.
Science	Scientific Research and the Scientific Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Students can research at home by collecting topics they may be interested in conducting research on. ☉ Encourage your child to read articles about famous scientists and how they used the Scientific Method to conduct research. ☉ Support your child by encouraging him or her to find appropriate text evidence that supports the hypothesis that they may be researching and to form questions for investigations.
Social Studies	Geography in the Western Hemisphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☉ Encourage and work with your child to practice using map skills, such as reading keys/ legends and using cardinal directions. Pick up a map and try to identify the parts of the map and decide what type of map it is together. ☉ Find resources together, either at home or at the library, to study the parts of the Western Hemisphere. Create a game with your family to quiz each other to learn and grow your knowledge of the Western Hemisphere. ☉ Review flashcards created for the unit with your child and help them to understand the meaning of each word better by giving examples, looking up pictures, and researching about it together.

Focus of the Month: Move -to- Improve Exercise Program

On Friday, October 13th, we are highlighting our Move-to-Improve Elementary Classroom Physical Activity Program. To supplement our Physical Education program, the classroom teachers conduct brief exercises during class time to stimulate the children's bodies and minds. When students are active, they become energized and are ready to learn. At home, you can support our Move-to-Improve Program by encouraging your child to be physically active. Perhaps he/she can ride a bike, play a sport, dance to music, or join a sports team!