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SUBJECT	TOPIC	SUGGESTIONS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME
Reading	<b>Word Detectives use all they know to solve words:</b> This month we are learning all the different ways, strategies, that good readers can do to read hard words, or tricky words.	At home, read with your child for at least 15 minutes. Help your child figure out tricky words by sounding out the beginning letter and checking the picture. You can also tell your child to look inside the word to see if they see a smaller word they already know. For example, the word can, has an in it. Just put a c in front of it and it becomes can.
Writing	<b>How-To Stories:</b> This month we are learning about a different type of writing called non-fiction writing, where we zoom in, think, and write about something we know how to do really well. We will teach someone how to do something through our writing and illustrations!	At home, help our child write a how to story by picking something they do everyday like brush their teeth. Tell them they are going to be teachers and teach someone how to do things by using sequence words like First, Then, Next and Last. They could also act it out first to help them.
Math	<b>Addition Strategies:</b> This month we are learning many different strategies to solve addition problems and number stories in multiple ways.	At home, practice finding different ways to come up with a number. For example, you can use paper clips to separate into 2 different groups to make 12 (one group has 5 clips and another has 7 paper clips). See how many different combinations you can come up with.
Science	<b>Weather and Seasons:</b> This month we are learning about types of weather and seasons as well as the reasons for them, through reading different non-fiction and fiction books as well as through various educational video clips.	At home, talk to your child about the different seasons and how they are different. In their homework notebook, they could illustrate and write about their favorite season, why it is their favorite and write a few sentences about the different activities they like to do.
Social Studies	<b>Families and Communities are important:</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 all families are different and why they are important. Talk about different places in your community you can visit with your family.

### Focus of the Month: Vocabulary

When your child is reading and gets to a tricky vocabulary word, stop and tell them to look at the word and ask them, "What do you think this might mean?" Check the picture, "Can the picture help you figure out the word?" You can also write hard vocabulary words on an index card and after you discuss the meaning with your child they could draw a picture of what it means. Throughout the week review the words so that they remember what they mean. Ask them to use them in a sentence.

### Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday  
 Oct.9<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day- School Closed

### Move-to-Improve

#### What is the Move-to-Improve Program?

Physical movement stimulates academic success by helping students to be alert and have the energy to learn. Move-to-Improve is a free classroom-based physical activity program that helps elementary school students participate in activities that get students moving.