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Third Grade Newsletter

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READING Narrative Nonfiction	In Reader's Workshop , readers will be enjoying narrative nonfiction. What is narrative nonfiction? Like informational nonfiction, the topics for narrative nonfiction are true. But they are closer to fiction texts in which the writer pays attention to story elements and character development. In third grade, we are reading biographies in class. These are true stories about people supported with facts with a focus on the main character and their actions. At home, readers should be thinking about these characters and their actions. Please make sure your child is reading for 40-45 minutes every night and logging their work on their reading logs.
WRITING Persuasive/ Opinion Essays	In Writer's Workshop , we are learning how to craft persuasive essays that present a claim about a topic that writers feel strongly about. In the essay, students will include facts and details that support their opinion. Students will present their information in an organized format by using Thinking Maps to structure their information. At home, please make sure that your child is drafting opinion essays that convey their claim about a topic of interest that they feel strongly about.
MATH Multiplication/ Division	This month in math , we will learn to relate multiplication to addition by using several strategies, such as skip counting, doubling, drawing arrays, and modeling groups of. The students will be learning vocabulary and properties associated with multiplication. We also will be starting to think about division and how it is related to multiplication. Throughout this unit, we will be solving multi-step word problems. At home, ask your child, "How did you solve the problem?" and "Is there another way to solve this problem?"
Social Studies China	This month in social studies , we will be studying China and how geography affects the people who live there. In class, we will be focusing on aspects of culture: traditions, clothing, holidays, folklore, economy, government, food as well as the history of the region. If you would like to research more about China at home, you can use the website: http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/ancient_china.php
Science Animal Adaptations	This month in science , we are learning about animal adaptations . At home, continue conversations about science by having your child give you examples of how animals use their adaptations to survive. We will continue to close read in science so that students understand complex text and vocabulary about animal adaptations. A helpful website to learn more about animal adaptations is https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals

Focus of the Month: Technology

**Reminder: Family Fun Friday for this month is now a
 Marvelous Monday- Monday, December 11th, 2017.**

This event will focus on how you and your child can use technology as a tool to learn in all subject areas. The students at PS 24 are very lucky to be able to use technology in all academic areas in school. All classrooms are equipped with enough computers or iPads for each student.