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READING Social Issue Book Clubs	<p>In Reader's Workshop, readers will be enjoying fiction books. We will be reading in book clubs. The focus is on books that have social issues. For example, poverty, moving, divorce, bullying, not fitting in, and friendship. Students discuss their books within the book club thinking about the important ideas they are reading about. Ask your child what they are learning in reading workshop and how they are using the strategies in their independent leveled books.</p>
WRITING Baby Literary Essays	<p>In Writer's Workshop, we are writing baby literary essays. Students state a claim/thesis statement about text they are reading and support their ideas using text evidence. For example, they are stating ideas about character traits, character change, theme, and what lessons the characters have learned.</p>
MATH Fractions	<p>This month in math, we will learn fractions. For example, naming and identifying fractions on a number line or part of a group, ordering and comparing fractions. We also will be learning vocabulary associated with fractions. The class will be working on solving multistep word problems by modeling and explaining their work. Ask your child to explain how they model and show their work in mathematics. Make sure your child knows how to multiply and divide through 100- practice number facts daily.</p>
SOCIAL STUDIES Greece	<p>This month in social studies, we are starting our unit on Greece and how its 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 Greece at home, you can use the website: http://www.ducksters.com/history/greece/.php</p>
SCIENCE Animal Adaptations	<p>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</p>

Focus of the Month: Math

Parents as Partners- Family Friday February 9, 2018

PS 24 is a school that works really hard to excel in mathematics so students can understand, solve and explain their thinking about mathematical situations. We take pride in how well our students enjoy and learn mathematics.

Join us for Family Friday to celebrate math **and** the 100th Day of School!

Reminder:

Lunar New Year and Mid-Winter Recess
February 16, 2018 – February 23, 2018
 Students return to school on February 26.