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A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

We're currently in the middle of the third quarter, and this is when the curriculum can start to intensify for some students. It's important to encourage your child to give their best effort, seek help when needed, and attend school regularly to avoid missing out on valuable instruction. If you have any questions or concerns about what your child is learning or if you need additional support, don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher.

EVENTS

March 5th

Inclement Weather Make-Up – Regular School Day*

March 11th

3rd Quarter Progress Reports Released Online

March 17th

Inclement Weather Make-Up – Schools Open (converted from a Professional Development Day)

March 31st

Eid al-Fitr* (starts at sunset 3/30) – Schools and Offices Closed

REMINDERS

- PGCPS provides free weekly virtual tutoring in math for students. Each session is 2 hours. Find more information about the tutoring here: [Free Virtual Math Tutoring Services for Students](#)
- Student reports from our Winter RELA and Math Assessments will be coming home.
- Please check your child's folders for important information and student work.
- Please check Class Dojo often for class notices and reminders.

LEARNING FOCUS

Reading

- In reading, students will work on asking questions about an event in a story, creating mental images, identifying who is telling the story, and story details.
- The February phonics focus skills are decoding words with segmenting single syllables with /or/, blending syllables, and substituting ending sounds.
- New Heart Words: take, go, see, could, about, old.
- The writing focus is on writing an opinion piece.

Social Studies

- Students will identify different bodies of water and different types of land.
- Students will learn about continents and oceans.
- Students will learn how weather and natural resources affect the way we live.

Math

- Students distinguish between defining (number of faces, edges, etc.) and non-defining (color, size) attributes.
- Students identify 3-D shapes by their attributes: faces, curved surfaces, edges and vertices.
- Students compose 3-D shapes in different ways and use various materials.
- Students sort 3-D shapes by their attributes and determine which category contains the most and least.

Science

- Students explore the different sources of light.
- Students will dive deeper into the effects of light and what happens when light hits objects.
- Students will begin thinking about objects in the sky. They identify the sun and stars as sources of light and describe how the





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Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together, they make this world a beautiful garden.

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Reading at Home

Readers' Theater

Building on a read aloud, have your child act out a favorite story, or act it out with them.



-For slightly older children, encourage them to make a costume from items around your home.

You are testing their comprehension, but it's also super cute.

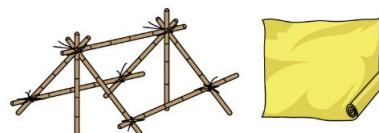
If you're able to, record their production on a mobile device, and let them see themselves as a writer, actor, and director.

Remember: Cardboard boxes make great set pieces like vehicles or clubhouses.

Math at Home

Construct 3D Shapes at Home

This triangular prism is made from newspaper rods and masking tape. Use three sheets of the newspaper in each rod to make it strong enough to stay up.



These shapes are made from more everyday objects: tape and paper, and gumdrops and toothpicks. Get creative with materials at home!

