**A Few “Track-Out Tips”**

Many of you have asked for things to do over track-out, so here are a few things that you might try!

English Language Arts

1. Practice writing and reading the letters of the alphabet. Practice identifying letter sounds.
2. Make a Track-Out scrapbook – If you go somewhere or even if you stay at home, you can snap photos and start a scrapbook of pictures and/or your child’s artwork. Ask your child to label and write about the photos or illustrations using his/her “Best Guess Kindergarten Writing” so that we can see what they did over the break.
3. Practice writing a true story, adding picture labels, and recording a sentence at the bottom of the page.
4. With respect to reading, one of the best things you can do is just read aloud to your child. Present the idea of “mystery questions” to ask your child after reading…

* Who were the main characters?
* Where did the story take place?
* Name 3 or 4 things that happened in the story.
* Read some conversation from the story.
* Think of another title, ending, or adventure for the main character(s)

\*Use evidence from the books to support answers (“How did you know the setting was at the playground? What evidence supports that?” “How did the character feel at the beginning/end of the story? How do you know?”)

Math

1. Board games like Candyland or Chutes and Ladders are great fun for children to provide lots of good practice with counting and learning to take turns. You can easily modify them to practice letter sounds, sight words, number recognition, or addition and subtraction problems.
2. Practice writing numbers 1-20 (in and out of order)
3. Go on a shape hunt around your house – practice identifying both 2D and 3D shapes.

\*\*In addition to these tips, an October homework calendar and reading log will be posted!