J.F.K. Eagle E-News

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Week of October 2nd, 2026

There is so much energy and momentum at John F. Kennedy Elementary right now, and I am thrilled to share some of the incredible things happening around our school! This month, we are celebrating our students in big ways—from launching exciting new attendance incentives to honoring excellence with our Student of the Month parades. We are also highlighting our school culture with a brand-new Positive Behavior referral bulletin board, where we proudly showcase students demonstrating exceptional self-regulation and positive choices. On top of all that, our before- and after-school clubs are officially up and running, giving our students fantastic opportunities to explore new interests, build friendships, and grow beyond the classroom. It is truly a remarkable time to be a JFK Eagle, and we are so grateful for your continued partnership in making our school community such a vibrant place to learn!

We would also like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our amazing security guard, Mr. DeJesus, on his new position! While we are thrilled for him as he takes this exciting next step, he will be truly missed here at JFK. Mr. DeJesus has been a warm, reassuring, and dedicated presence in our building, always keeping our school safe with a smile. We are so grateful for everything he has done for our school community and wish him all the very best in his new role!

3rd Grade Update

In STEM: we have started a new math unit focused on place value, addition, and subtraction. Students are practicing rounding and estimating numbers and using different strategies to solve problems within 1,000. We are also learning about populations and communities and the many different people who make up our world.

In Humanities: we have been enjoying two exciting stories! In our shared reading book, Fudge-a-Mania, students are following Peter as he discovers that his family's summer vacation in Maine may not be as terrible as he expected. We are also reading The BFG, where students are getting to know the friendship between a young girl and a giant. As we read, students are talking about the characters, their feelings and choices, and how their actions help us understand who they are. We are also practicing how to retell stories and identify important events.

Dates To Remember

- **October 12th:** NO School
- **October 13th:** Early Release
- **October 16th:** Lyman Orchard Fundraiser Forms Due 10/16
- **October 19th:** PTO Meeting - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m

Links: Cafeteria Menus Virtual Backpack

Attendance Reporting : Attendance matters

Here are options for reporting your student absent at J.F.K.

Phone Call: (860) 687 -2060

Text: jfkattendance@windsorct.org

Website: JFK website

QR Code:

A Special note about Early Dismissals: Please contact the main office in addition to the teacher if you would like to change how the student will be dismissed on a given day. Teachers could be absent so by notifying the office we can assure your student is in the correct location.

This fundraiser will raise funds for School Activities and Field Trips. Consider donating a pie to our community for Thanksgiving.

Start Date	Return Order	Delivery Date
9/21/2026	**10/16/2026**	**11/17/2026**

Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____
Email: _____
Teacher: _____
Group: John F. Kennedy Elementary - Windsor
Please Make Checks Payable to: JFK PTO
Questions? Contact: JKF PTO at jfkptowin@gmail.com

Participants use this link to Register and Sell Online:
https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/F7C7

	Name	Phone	Donate a Pie(s) For Charity	Apple Caramel Walnut	Blueberry	Hi-Top Apple	Crimson Berry Pie	Apple Crumb	Bumbleberry	Choc Peanut Butter	Pumpkin	Banana Cream	Chocolate Cream	Chocolate Chip	White Mac Nut	Oat Raisin	Peanut Butter	Triple Chocolate	Total Items	Total $
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1. Scan the QR Code or use the link on this form.
2. Login using your email address and create a password.
3. If you participated in the past, you do still need to register using this new QR code or link.
4. Once you login to your dashboard, click "Print additional fliers" to get a QR code to your storefront.
5. SELL, SELL, SELL away!

Register Here to Sell Online

Scan Me

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860-375-8138 - my.mcmfundraising.com

All pies are certified Kosher All cookie dough is certified Kosher

All cake rolls are certified Kosher

All products are produced in a plant that processes nuts. Check our website for ingredient listings.

Students can also fundraiser online through this link:
https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/F7C7

We are accepting orders through 10/16.

WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Family & Community Partnerships
Windsor Public Schools

Upcoming Events

OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (OFCP)
WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAT OCT 10

"Who Let the Dogs Out?"

Watch Dogs Football Saturday Family & Fun Event

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Sage Park Middle School Gym



TUE OCT 13

Understanding High Quality Instructional Practices at WPS

Learn what high quality instruction looks like in Windsor and how you can support your child's learning at home.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Sage Park Middle School



TUE NOV 10

Mental Health & Managing Anxiety

Strategies, resources, and support for helping students and families thrive.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Sage Park Middle School



DEC TBD

Winter Wonderland and Family Event

Join us for a festive, family-friendly celebration! Date and details to be announced.



TUE FEB 23

Financial Literacy & Investing Decisions for College and Beyond

Learn practical strategies for saving, investing, and planning for your child's future.

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Sage Park Middle School



SAT MAR 20

NCAA March Madness Family Fun Event

Games, activities, and fun for the whole family! More details to come.



TUE APR 27

OFCP Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Celebrating the incredible volunteers who make




WINDSOR
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of FAMILY & COMMUNITY Partnerships
Windsor Public Schools
WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?
WATCH D.O.G.S.
FOOTBALL SATURDAY
FAMILY & FUN EVENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
SAGE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
Join us for an afternoon of football-themed family fun, community connection, and engagement for all families.
ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

Support Our Students!

Pie Drive

Sweet Treats Brighter Days!

START DATE	RETURN ORDER	DELIVERY DATE
9/21/2026	10/16/2026	11/17/2026

Pick up will be at 465 Park Ave
(Across the street from JFK)



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Pie Flavors

- Apple Caramel Walnut
- Blueberry
- Hi-Top Apple
- Crimson Berry Pie
- Choc Peanut Butter
- Banana Cream
- Chocolate Cream
- Pumpkin
- Apple Crumb
- Bumbleberry

Perfect for family gatherings, holiday celebrations, or a sweet treat!

Thank you for your support!

COOKIE FLAVORS

- Chocolate Chip
- White Macademia Nut
- Oatmeal Raisin
- Peanut Butter
- Triple Chocolate

Join JFK's Run Club



What: A running club meeting once per week at JFK School.

Who: Open to all students at JFK in grades four and five.

When: Friday Mornings from 7:45 am to 8:30 am.
October 2 - November 20.

Why: To promote and create awareness of healthy lifestyles, with a focus on health and physical education through a voluntary, goal orientated running program.

Goal: Students will run 12 to 25 miles over a five week period and become stronger runners while having fun with like minded peers and staff!

Are you interested?

Complete the form and return it to the office:

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Grade (circle) 4 5

Any Special Considerations: (circle) No Yes

If yes, Please explain what the staff should be aware of:

_____

_____

_____



JOIN THE WWRX SWIM TEAM

WINDSOR WATER RATS EXPRESS COMPETITIVE SWIM TEAM

TRY-OUTS FOR NEW SWIMMERS

OCTOBER 14-16, 2026

- Are you focused and determined?
- Do you love being a part of a team?
- Can you swim 2 laps of freestyle and backstroke?

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP AND LEARN MORE

JFK PTO BACK TO SCHOOL

GET INVOLVED

ABOUT US

The JFK PTO are parent and teacher volunteers who work together to organize fundraisers, events, support school & classroom needs and help to create fun and supportive experiences.

JOIN US

You don't need to attend a meeting or commit to a position to help out. We will be looking for numerous volunteers throughout the year to assist with school store, book fairs, fundraisers, field day, 5th grade picnic, special events & more.

SUPPORT US

Please consider supporting the PTO this year. Every contribution makes a difference. Your time and generosity help us build a stronger school community for our students!

MEETING DATES

Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting and ice cream social! We truly appreciate your support and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

- October 19
- November 16
- January 11
- February 8
- March 15
- April 19
- May 24

** Dates are tentative and subject to change. Watch for updates in the newsletter, classroom communications and Facebook.*

Attending a meeting of the PTO is a great way to stay informed, share and exchange ideas, and be involved in your child's school community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We use SignUpGenius to share our volunteer opportunities and make signing up quick and easy.

Scan the QR code or visit the link below and "search" sign ups for jfkptowin@gmail.com.

signupgenius.com/findasignup

We are currently seeking volunteers for School Store, Lyman Orchard Fundraiser pie and cookie order distribution, and Book Fair.

COMING UP!



September 28TH

Open House

Visit the PTO table!

EAGLES soar to excellence

JFK T-SHIRTS FOR SALE! $10 EACH

Adult and kids sizes available.

CONTACT INFO

@jfkptowindsor

jfkptowin@gmail.com


MAY 2027
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SAVE THE DATE
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JFK ART SHOW!
More details coming soon.
Contact
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child will be a member of the before-school program called the Early Birds! This club allows your student to come to school early, read a book in peace and quiet, and have some time to read for pleasure. Please review the details below and provide your permission by signing at the bottom of this form. **Keep the top portion of the form for your reference of the meeting dates.** Return the bottom portion of this form to JFK.

Club Information:

- **Club Name:** Early Birds
- **Meeting Day:** Thursday
- **Dates: THURSDAY MORNINGS BEFORE SCHOOL - see reverse for dates**
- **Time:** 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** JFK Library
- **Club Sponsor/Advisor:** Mrs. Silliman / Library Media Specialist
- **Contact Email:** ssiliman@windsorct.org

Transportation: All students will need to be dropped off for 7:45 a.m. on meeting days. I will meet the children **at 7:45 a.m.** in the front to let them in the building.

Parent/Guardian Permission:

I give permission for my child,_____, to participate in the Early Birds before-school program. I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange transportation from home for the meeting day and reinforce the importance of my child following 4 C's (Caring, Committed, Courageous, Creative) during club time.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Emergency Contact Number: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Mrs. Silliman at (860) 687 - 2060 x 5157 or ssilliman@windsorct.org.** Thank you for your support! We look forward to a great club experience.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Silliman

JFK Library Media Specialist

Earl Birds Meeting Dates:

October 2026: 8, 15, 22; November 2026; 5, 12, 19; December 2026: 3, 10, 17

January 2027: 7, 14, 21; February 2027: 4, 11, 18; March 2027: 4, 11, 18;

April 2027: 1, 8, 22; May 2027: 6, 13, 20; June 2027: 3 *Last Meeting*

JFK Cursive Handwriting Club



Do you want to learn the art of *Cursive Writing*?



Mrs. Mitchell is offering an after school club for students in Grades 4 & 5 that would like to learn Cursive Handwriting.

Students' handwriting must be legible and must have a recommendation from their classroom teacher.

Fill out the application, have your teacher sign it and write 2-3 sentences in your nearest printing on the back.

Wednesdays
Beginning October 14th
3:45 - 4:30
Parents must pick up JFK.

There will be 2 sessions limited to a maximum of 21 students per session.

Permission Slip - Cursive Handwriting Club

Name: _____

Classroom Teacher Recommendation (Signature): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Students - please write 2-3 sentences in your neatest printing.



WEEKEND WHEELS STUDENT FOOD PROGRAM

This program provides qualifying Windsor children in grades **pre-k thru 12th grade** with a bag filled with food for the weekend. **Distributions are made from Sept. thru June in a weekly home delivery format.**

Eligibility for the program is based on household income. The table below shows a yearly gross income for each family size. If your household income is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household, you are eligible to receive TEFAP commodities. (300% of poverty).

TEFAP PARTICIPATION INCOME GUIDELINES

BASED ON HOUSEHOLD SIZE FAMILY INCOME FALLS BELOW:

Household Size:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*
Annual Income:	$47,880	$64,920	$81,960	$99,000	$116,040	$133,080	$150,120	$167,160

For each additional person add $17,040.

Income guidelines reflects 300% of the federal poverty limit, last updated March 1, 2026

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Call or visit **Windsor Social Services** at 860-285-1839, LP Wilson Community Center to register.
- Contact the **Family Resource Coordinator at your child's school** for sign up.

2026/2027 School year distributions will begin on Thursday, Sept. 10th.

DON'T WAIT! REGISTER TODAY!

Weekend Wheels is a program of the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank



KIDS' ART CLASSES!

WINDSOR ART CENTER STUDIOS

A new art adventure every month!

Painting, drawing, collage, mixed media projects, and more for ages 6–10 and 11–16 (alternating!)

$20 per student, per class ✦ 35 Central St, Windsor CT

To view the full list of projects and register, visit windsorartcenter.org

PROJECT SANTA

Holiday Gift Assistance Program for Windsor Families

REGISTRATION OPEN – MONTH OF SEPTEMBER ONLY

Dear Windsor Parent or Guardian,

Windsor Social Services is here to help make the holiday season joyful for your children.
Qualifying families with children **ages 15 and under** can register for holiday gift assistance.

REGISTRATION HOURS

Month of September Only
Monday – Friday | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

LOCATION

Windsor Social Services
LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Ave

1. HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Max Income	$47,880	$64,920	$81,960	$99,000	$116,040	$133,080	$150,120	$167,160

2. REQUIRED REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

- ✔ **Parent/Guardian Photo ID** (person registering).
- ✔ **Proof of Residency:** Recent utility bill mailed to your home address.
- ✔ **Child ID:** Social Security Card OR Birth Certificate for each child (15 & under).
- ✔ **Child Info:** Full name and birthdate for each child.
- ✔ **Proof of Income (Last 30 Days):** Pay stubs, child support, unemployment, or SSD.

⚠ REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNLESS ALL DOCUMENTS ARE PROVIDED.

What Happens Next?

Upon approval, you'll receive a **Project Santa Family Packet**. Return the included Wish List by the deadline listed in your packet so donors can fulfill your requests!

Questions? Contact Windsor Social Services at **860-285-1839**

We look forward to helping make your family's holiday season special!

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Grade 3 Homework Calendar - October

Choose a minimum of three activities each week and check off the boxes as you complete them.

Note Independent reading can include a parent reading a bedtime story to your student. It is also recommended that you discuss with your child what they read or learned from their reading.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STEM- Leaf Anatomy: Collect 3 fallen leaves, trace them, measure their length in inches or centimeters, and record vein patterns. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing- Story Starter:** Write a short story beginning with: "As the crisp autumn wind blew, a mysterious locked box appeared under the giant oak tree..." Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies- Family History Interview:** Interview an adult or sibling about a favorite childhood tradition and record 3 key details from their memory. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Array Hunt:** Find 3 real-world arrays in your home (e.g., egg carton, window panes) and write multiplication equations. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing- Autumn Acrostic:** Write an autumn-themed acrostic poem using the letters in H-A-R-V-E-S-T featuring vivid sensory details.
Social Studies- Map Your Neighborhood: Draw a bird's-eye view map of your street or home layout. Include a compass rose (N, S, E, W) and a map key. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Shadow Tracking:** Place a small object outside at two different times of day. Trace its shadow with chalk and measure how the length changes over time. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing- Procedural Guide:** Write a step-by-step instructional guide titled "How to Prepare for a Cold Autumn Day" using numbered steps. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies- Local Heritage Search:** Research a Native American tribe indigenous to your state or region and write down 2 facts about their culture. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Measurement Dash:** Use a ruler to measure 5 items around your bedroom to the nearest half-inch or centimeter.
Writing- Perspective Writing: Write a journal entry from the point of view of a colorful leaf attached to a high tree branch on a windy day. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies- Community Helper Profile**: Choose a local community worker (e.g., police officer, firefighter, librarian, postal carrier) and write a short paragraph on how their job helps society. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Aerodynamic Test:** Construct 2 different paper airplane models, launch each 3 times, measure flight distances, and note which design creates better lift. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing- 10-Sentence Mystery:** Draft a complete mini-mystery story that is exactly five sentences long and includes an unexpected plot twist. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Receipt Estimation:** Choose 5 items on a store receipt and round each price to the nearest dollar to estimate the total.
STEM- Static Electricity Test: Rub a balloon against hair or wool for 20 seconds, then hover it over tissue paper cutouts to test how static electricity moves objects Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing- Time Capsule Letter:** Write a letter to your future self detailing your current favorite hobbies, foods, and 3 personal goals for the coming year. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies-History of Autumn** Traditions: Read a brief background on the origins of Halloween or harvest festivals, then write down 2 ways these traditions have evolved over time Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Seed Estimation & Math:** Scoop out pumpkin or sunflower seeds, estimate the total count, then group them into sets of 10s or 20s to calculate the exact sum efficiently. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM- Density Experiment**: Predict whether an apple slice, a pumpkin seed, and an acorn will float or sink in water. Test them and record your findings.

Grade 4 Homework Calendar - October

Choose a minimum of three activities each week and check off the boxes as you complete them.

NoteFor independent reading, it is recommended that you discuss with your child what they read or learned from their reading.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STEM – Paper Bridge Challenge: Build a bridge using only paper and tape that spans at least 8 inches. Test how many coins it can hold. Make one improvement and test it again. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing – Spooky Story Starter:** Begin with: *"I knew something was different about the old house as soon as the door opened..."* Write a one-page story with a clear beginning, middle, and end. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM – Grocery Budget:** Imagine you have **$50** to buy snacks for a class celebration. Choose at least 4 items from a store ad or website. Find your total and calculate your change. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies –** Community Change: Find an old photograph of your town or neighborhood online or from a family member. Compare it with what the location looks like today and identify at least 3 changes. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM – Apple Oxidation Investigation:** Cut or use several apple slices. Leave one plain and treat the others with liquids such as lemon juice or water. Predict which will brown fastest, observe, and record the results.
STEM – Design a Dream Bedroom: Draw a rectangular bedroom. Add furniture, label dimensions, and calculate the room's area and perimeter. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies – Then & Now:** Ask an adult what school was like when they were your age. Record **3 similarities and 3 differences** between their school experience and yours. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM – Parachute Engineer:** Design a parachute for a small toy using household materials. Test it from the same height three times. Change one feature and determine whether your design improves. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing – Mystery Object:** Choose an everyday object but don't name it. Write a descriptive paragraph using precise details and clues. See if someone can identify it from your writing. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM – Data Detective:** Survey at least **5 people** with one question, such as favorite season, sport, or dessert. Create a bar graph of your results and write **2 observations** about the data.
Social Studies – Map a Journey: Choose a place in Connecticut you have visited or would like to visit. Create a simple map showing a route from your town. Include a title, compass rose, map key, and at least 3 landmarks. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing – Point of View Switch:** Write a short scene about a windy October day from the perspective of something that isn't human—a leaf, squirrel, pumpkin, tree, etc. Show what it sees, thinks, and feels. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM – Estimation Investigation:** Choose **5 items** in your home. Estimate each item's length to the nearest inch or centimeter, then measure it. Find the difference between each estimate and actual measurement. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM – Insulation Challenge:** Wrap ice cubes in different household materials such as foil, paper towel, fabric, or plastic. Predict which material will keep the ice from melting longest. Test and explain your results. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**Social Studies – Family Artifact:** Find an object, photograph, recipe, or keepsake connected to your family's past. Ask someone about it and write **4–5 sentences** explaining what it can teach you about your family's history.
STEM – Pumpkin Patch Planning: A pumpkin patch has **6 rows with 24 pumpkins in each row**. Find the total. Then create **two different ways** the same number of pumpkins could be arranged in equal rows. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing – October Opinion:** Which is the best way to spend a cool October afternoon? Write a paragraph stating your opinion and supporting it with **at least 3 reasons and examples**. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM – Candy Structure Challenge:** Using toothpicks and a soft candy or another connector, build the tallest free-standing structure you can. Measure its height and sketch your design. Explain one change that could make it stronger. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**Social Studies – Local Government Detective:** Find out who leads your town or city government. Identify the person's title and research **2 responsibilities** of that position. Explain one way local government affects your daily life. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM – Fall Recipe Math:** Find a recipe you like. Imagine you need to make **twice as much**. Write the new amount needed for at least 5 ingredients. Then explain how you calculated the new amounts.

Grade 5 Homework Calendar - October

Choose a minimum of three activities each week and check off the boxes as you complete them.

Note For independent reading it is recommended that you discuss with your child what they read or learned from their reading.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STEM — Sound Scientist: Fill 3 glasses with different amounts of water. Gently tap each and compare the sounds. Record what you notice and explain how the amount of water affects the pitch. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing — Six-Word Stories:** Write **5 different stories using exactly six words each**. Choose your favorite and write a short paragraph explaining the larger story you imagine behind it. Independent Reading(30minutes)	**STEM — The $10 Challenge:** Find as many different combinations of coins and bills as you can that equal exactly **$10.00**. Record at least 5 combinations and explain how you know each is equivalent. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies — What's in a Name?:** Investigate the origin of the name of your town, a nearby town, street, school, or local landmark. Write what you discovered and one question you still have. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM — Mystery Material Hunt:** Find 6 objects made from different materials around your home. Classify each by properties such as flexible/rigid, magnetic/nonmagnetic, transparent/opaque, or conductor/insulator.
STEM — How Many Steps?: Estimate how many steps it takes to travel from one location in your home to another. Measure it, then use your results to estimate how many steps it would take to travel that route **10 times**. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies — Create a Time Capsule:** Choose **5 objects** you would put in a time capsule to teach someone 100 years from now about life in 2026. Draw or list them and explain why each belongs. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM — Chain Reaction:** Create a chain reaction using at least **4 household objects**—for example, a ball rolls into a block that knocks something else over. Sketch and label each step of the energy transfer. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing — Ordinary to Extraordinary:** Choose a boring everyday event, such as brushing your teeth or waiting for the bus. Rewrite it as if it were the most dramatic event imaginable! Use strong verbs and vivid details. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM — Which Is the Better Deal?:** Find two different sizes of the same product in your home or online. Compare the quantity and price to determine which is the better value. Show the math that supports your conclusion.
Social Studies — Design a New State: Imagine a new state is being added to the United States. Create its name, capital, flag, major geographic features, and natural resources. Explain how geography might affect where people live. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing — Photojournalist:** Take or choose a photograph from your day. Write a **headline and short news-style article** describing what happened. Include who, what, when, where, why, and how. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM — Number Target:** Using the numbers **2, 3, 5, 8, and 10**, create equations that get as close as possible to **100**. Try to find at least 3 different solutions using multiple operations. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies — A Day Without...:** Choose one community service—electricity, clean water, roads, trash collection, schools, etc. Create a timeline showing how your day would be affected if that service suddenly disappeared. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM — What's the Best Paper Airplane?:** Make **3 different paper airplane designs**. Fly each three times and measure the distances. Calculate the average distance for each design and determine which was most successful.
STEM— How Much Is a Million?: Choose a small everyday object such as a penny, paper clip, or LEGO. Estimate how much space **1 million** of them would take up. Use multiplication and reasonable estimates to support your thinking. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Writing — Interview a Character:** Choose a character from a book you're reading. Write **5 interview questions** for the character, then answer each question as if you were that character. Use evidence from the story to guide you. Independent Reading (30minutes)	**STEM — Slow the Fall:** Choose a piece of paper and see how slowly you can make it fall from shoulder height **without attaching anything to it**. Fold, cut, or reshape it. Test multiple designs and explain which worked best and why. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**Social Studies — History in Your Pocket:** Examine a U.S. coin or bill. Investigate the people, places, words, dates, and symbols on it. Choose **3 features** and explain what each represents or why it is historically significant. Independent Reading (30 minutes)	**STEM — Create a Math Escape Challenge:** Create **3 connected math clues** for someone at home to solve. Each answer should lead to the next problem. Include multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, or multi-step problems.