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## Reading & Writing:

We are beginning our fifth unit in Benchmark Advance. This unit entitled, "Technology for Green Future", students will be thinking about technology and its benefits/drawbacks. Students will read arguments for and against solar power and natural gas. We will also be reading selections that include the genres of opinion, informational science and realistic fiction.

## Math:

This month, students learn the terms factor and multiple and how they relate to multiplication, division and fractions. Also, students will extend their understanding of fraction equivalence and ordering. They will need to understand the relationship between the numerator and the denominator.

## Science & Social Studies

### Science:

Students will use evidence to construct an explanation relating the speed of an object to the energy of that object. Also, they will ask questions and predict outcomes about the changes in energy that occur when objects collide. Lastly, students explore energy how is changed/transferred during a collision.

### Social Studies:

Students continue to develop a timeline of early United States history as they advance their skills in analyzing and interpreting primary and secondary sources. During this marking period students' learning experiences focus on the cultures of early European societies of North America. Students develop their skills in the area of evaluation and metacognition as they conduct historical investigations and implement skills used by historians to develop understandings of events and people.

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## Reminders

- We would appreciate tissues and Lysol wipes as cold and flu season is upon us.
- We try to go outside as much as possible - please dress appropriately for colder temperatures.
- Pencil donations would be greatly appreciated.
- Please continue to watch Sunday Splash and the Thursday folder for information about middle school articulation to your homeschool.
  - Registration has begun for many schools and will be ongoing for others this month. Reach out to Mrs. Allen with specific questions.