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* **What are we doing**? Students are very busy in the classroom! In reader’s workshop, we continue to read fiction stories and dive deeper into retelling. When your children are re-telling stories, make sure they describe characters, setting, problem, main events, solution and author’s message. In writing workshop, we are really focusing on having students look back at their work and revise/edit. Revising is how the story sounds. Students are listening and re-reading the story to make sure that everything makes sense and details can be added or taken out. Editing is when you use your eyes to look at spelling, punctuation and capital letters. Next, we will be studying various authors and their writing style. We will begin trying to use techniques of real authors in our own stories. In math, we are continuing our unit on subtraction with ungrouping. This is a challenging concept, and the students need lots of practice. We are making it fun with games, real world situations, and hands-on manipulatives! In science, we are learning about air and weather. We have learned about air pressure this week by experimenting with homemade water fountains and balloon rockets! We will begin to learn about weather, and how weather and air are related.
* **Field Trip**: Our field trip to Marbles Kids’ Museum will be Wednesday, March 7th. If you have not already turned in your permission slip and money, please do so ASAP. We plan to leave Combs by 9:15 Wednesday morning. We will be eating lunch at the museum, and plan to arrive back at school between 2:00 and 2:30. While at the museum we will participate in a hands-on learning experience about food and nutrition. Please have your child dress comfortably, as this is an interactive museum.
* **Important Dates**-
  + March 2nd – Read Across America Day
  + March 7th – Field Trip to Marbles Kids’ Museum
  + March 16th – Early Release (School ends at 12:30)
  + March 20th – Spring Pictures/Class Pictures
  + March 30th – No School/Teacher Workday
  + April 2-6th – SPRING BREAK!