Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Science Fiction. Based on scientific facts, technological developments, and speculation, science fiction stories create a world that doesn’t exist, but possibly could. During this unit, we will read and analyze two published science fiction stories, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own science fiction story.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to explore their imaginations and ask “what if” questions about science and technology. You may wish to spend some time imagining with your child about subjects such as time travel. Or ask questions, such as what if we lived on another planet?

You can also ask your child questions to learn about his or her progress. For example:

• Have you brainstormed ideas yet? Would you like to share your ideas with me?
• What have you written so far?
• What part of writing do you enjoy most?
• What part of writing is difficult for you?
• Are there other science fiction stories you would like to tell?

Thanks in advance for supporting your child’s writing experiences. I look forward to sharing his or her work with you!

Sincerely,