



# POWERFUL PARTNERS

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**Parents and Guardians,**

***You are powerful partners in education and learning does not have to end in the classroom. How can you help at home? Here are some engaging activities that will support learning at home and help your child become more successful in their studies.***

## READING

### Build Phonetic Awareness

- Say silly tongue twisters, sing songs, and read rhyming books. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in the words.
- Play with puppets. Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, "My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does park rhyme with Mark? Does ball rhyme with Mark?"

### Increase Foundational Reading Skills

- Trace and say letters. Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.
- Read it again and again. Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time? As you read, pause and ask your child about what's going on in the book.

## MATH

### Know number names and the count sequence

- Ask your child to tell you 3 foods that they like. As they are telling you the foods, emphasize the numbers with them. #1... PIZZA, #2... POPCORN, etc...
- Practice counting with your child. Have them make the initial sound of the next number before you count with them. If they get stuck, they can follow your lead.

### Count to tell the number of objects

- Play "I spy" with your child and have them find 5 objects that are red around your house. Emphasize the numbers with them as they are finding them. #1 ... VASE, #2 Bowl, etc.
- Play "I spy" again with your child and let them tell you how many of something to find and what color. Emphasize the numbers with them as you find them.

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