

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

Increase Reading Fluency

- Instruct your child to read aloud for one minute. Use a stopwatch to time them and take notes on the words they mispronounce. Once the minute is over, go back and teach them the correct way to pronounce these words. Then, repeat this activity so your child can reread the same passage using the correct pronunciations.
- Let your child reread their favorite books. This may seem counterproductive, but rereading the same material can actually help your child become a stronger, more fluent reader.

Increase Reading Comprehension

- Connect the story to something that happened in your child's life. For instance, if a character is bullied, remind your child how they might feel if they were picked on at school. Helping your child make this connection will make it easier for them to analyze and extract meaning.
- Ask questions. Get your child thinking about the text on a deeper level by asking "why" questions. Examples of "why" questions include "Why did the character act this way?" or "Why did this event occur?"

MATH

Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.

- Take post-it notes and put the answers to multiplication and division facts around your home. Give your child a problem and have them go find the answer and bring it back to you. (Example: 100 divided by 10 – student would find the post-it with the number 10 and bring it to you) and you would give another fact.
- Give your child 4 problems (one of each type of problem: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Have them solve the problems and explain to you how they solved each problem.

Place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers

- Give your child different two digit numbers. Have them identify the tens place in each number, and tell you the VALUE of the number. (Example: 67 – the 6 is in the tens place and the VALUE is 60.)
- Have your child write down the number 8,495. Have them identify the place value of each digit, and the value that it represents. (Example: The 4 is in the hundreds place and it represents 400.)