

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 Vocabulary and Language Skills

- Play 20 questions-One player thinks of an object, letting the others know only whether it is animal, vegetable or mineral. Then the other players ask questions that can be answered only with yes or no. For instance, if the object is a car (mostly mineral), the players will ask, "Is it bigger than a laptop computer?" or "Can it move? The object: Guess the answer in fewer than 20 questions.

Increase Communication Skills and Non-Verbal Ques

- Play Charades-Players divide into two teams and each member writes a phrase on a slip of paper, folds it up and places it in their team's bowl. A player picks a paper from the opposing team's bowl and acts out individual words, syllables and other hints to depict the phrase.

MATH

Understand the place value system.

- 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.)

Perform operations with multi-digit whole numbers and decimals to hundredths.

- Have your child practice multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication problems.
- Have your child add the following numbers: $1.87 + .35$ (Have them explain the steps to you, where they put their decimals and why.)