

# 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

- Books from Dr. Seuss are fantastic read-alouds. Read a book like *Green Eggs and Ham* with your child. While reading, stop at the end of a line and encourage your child to fill in the rhyme. For example, you may say, "I will eat them in a box. I will eat them with a ..." Your child can fill in the rhyme, "fox!".

### Increase Phonics Skills

- Using favorite toys, talk about what they are ("doll") and what letter and sound the word starts with ("Doll starts with d which makes the sound /d/."). Practice this throughout the day with food, furniture, clothes ... anything. (Add ending sounds once beginning sounds seem solid.)
- Play "I Spy" with letter sounds. "I spy something blue that starts with an /m/ sound."

## MATH

### Know number names and the count sequence

- Draw different shapes on a sheet of paper. Have your child count all of the circles, all of the squares, etc.
- Give your child a number of circles that you want them to draw between 1 and 5. Have them draw that many circles and count them out loud as they draw them.

### Compare Numbers

- Take two stacks of objects and compare them. Which is greater than the other? Have your child count the objects to justify their answer.
- Take two stacks of objects and compare them. Which is less than the other? Have your child count the objects to justify their answer.

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