

POWERFUL PARTNERS

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

Reviewing story elements, narrative writing and vocabulary

- Change a holiday story, by answering the question below. How could Ebenezer still have a change of heart and learn his life lesson without the ghosts? (Write an outline of the plot, describe the changes in a paragraph or two, or rewrite the story.)

What if the ghosts didn't visit Ebenezer Scrooge?

- Vocabulary Snow Globe
Fill in a picture of a snow globe with meaningful words that describe a winter scene. Use those words to write a winter poem. Try to include a metaphor, simile and alliteration.
- Watch a favorite holiday movie together as a family.
 - Who are the characters?
 - Did the characters change throughout the story? How?
 - What are the main events?
 - What life lessons did the characters learn?
 - Is there anything that could have changed the outcome of the story?



MATH

Analyze and Solve Percent Problems

- Have your child work through the problem below and explain to you what goes in each box. (Answers: Box 1: 20%, Box 2: 20, Box 3: 12)

A school orchestra has 60 members. 20% of the members are percussionists. How many orchestra members are percussionists?

20% · 60 players

The number of percussionists is

% of 60

= · 60

= percussionists.

- Have your child go with you to the store and find discounts of items without using a calculator. Have them use their knowledge of 10% and then 5% being half of that, etc. If something is 50% off, they take half of it. If it is 25% off, they divide it by 4 for the discount. Have them do this with five items.
- Tell your child that you have a two coupons. One is \$10 off \$40 and the other is 25% off the total price. You cannot use both coupons, only one. If your item comes to \$55.00 (excluding tax), which coupon would be the best to use and why? (Answer: Using the 25% off coupon would save you \$13.75 instead of \$10 for the other one.). Have your child do this any time you have coupons and see which is the better deal.