

POWERFUL PARTNERS

December

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 Phonemic Awareness

- Play sound detective. Have your child cover their eyes and you make a sound (ex: drop coins in a cup, clap your hands, turn on the faucet). The child must identify the sound they heard.
- Play stand up sit down. Make up a sentence. Repeat the sentence to the child. For each word you say, the child must stand up or sit down.

Increase Foundational Writing Skills

- With your child, write a letter to Santa including the child's wish list.
- Draw a picture about a holiday. After drawing the picture, encourage your child to dictate a sentence about it.

MATH

Compose Numbers

- Show your child 5 objects and ask them what they would have to do to get 7 objects. (The answer would be to add 2 more.) Have them explain their reasoning.
- Give your child 10 objects and ask them to put them in to two different piles. Have them count the objects in each pile and then the total number of objects. Ask them if they can come up with an addition sentence that makes that true. (7 objects + 3 objects = 10 objects)

Decompose Numbers

- Give your child 5 objects and ask them to take away 3 of the objects. Have them tell you how many they have left. Emphasize the subtraction problem $5-3=2$ with your child.
- Give your child 10 objects and ask them to put "some" of the objects in a pile. Have them tell you how many they took away from their original pile and how many they have left. Emphasize the subtraction problem with your child.

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