

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

Starting the New Year Off Right.

- January is a perfect time to set goals. Ask your child to set a goal to read a specific amount of books this year. How many books can they read?

Narrative and Informative Writing

- Write a narrative story about a day in the life of a winter coat or an ice skate. What adventures would they experience? (Write the story in first-person. You are the winter coat or the ice skate.)



- Write a paragraph that describes the weather for the following week. Try to be as descriptive as you can. You can even pretend to be a meteorologist. How would they report the weather?

MATH

Ratio and Unit Rates

- Ask your child how you can find a unit rate of an item. Have them practice writing items in simplest form and solving for the unit rate by doing the following problems: (1,275 ants/5 anthills – 121 meals/11 days, 50 minutes/20 calls) Have them explain to you what the unit rate means.
- Have your child go to the store with you and determine the unit rates of 5 different items. (For example, a 6 pack of paper towels for \$8.99 would be \$1.50 each pack of paper towels.). Have them determine if it is cheaper to buy them in bulk or singles.
- Have your child find an ad on-line or from the newspaper (you can make one up if you don't have access to these). In the ad, have them find one item that is not cheaper to buy in bulk compared to the prices and pictures listed. (For example: it may show a can of soup for \$1.00 and a 4 pack for \$4.19)