

# POWERFUL PARTNERS

## January



*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 a Love of Reading

- Visit your local public library, and as soon as possible, get your child a library card. Ask the librarian for help in selecting books. Have your child join you in browsing for books and making selections.
- Look for award-winning books. Each year the American Library Association selects children's books for the Caldecott Medal for illustrations and the Newbery Medal for writing.

### Increase Reading Fluency

- Take turns. You read a paragraph and have your child read the next one or you read half the page and your child reads the other half. As your child becomes more at ease with reading aloud, take turns reading a full page. Keep in mind that your child may be focusing more on how to read the words than what they mean, and your reading helps to keep the story alive.
- Listening to your child read aloud provides opportunities for you to express appreciation of his or her new skills and for them to practice their reading. Most importantly, this is another way to enjoy reading together.

## MATH

### Place Value to 1,000

- Have your child tell you how many hundreds, tens and ones are in the number 156. You can draw them a chart like the one below on their paper and they can use it for problem #2 as well.

hundreds	tens	ones

- Have your child do the same thing as they did in problem number one for the following numbers: 32, 308, 514, 234. Check their paper for accuracy and clear up any misconceptions.

### Add Three-Digit Numbers

- Give your child the problem  $199 + 43$ . Have them solve that two different ways. The traditional algorithm where the numbers are lined up vertically, but also mentally. They should know that 199 is one less than 200, so they could borrow a one from the 43 and have  $200 + 42 = 242$
- Give your child 5 more problems that contain 3 digit numbers. Have them work each problem and check to make sure the answers are correct. If they are not correct, have your child explain their reasoning to you and explain any misconceptions.