

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

Improve Phonic Skills

- Using poster board or large paper, make an ABC poster with your child. You could write the uppercase letter and your child could write the lowercase letter beside it. Decorate it with crayons/markers/stickers. Hang the poster in your child's bedroom.
- By exposing your child to words and letters often, your child will begin to recognize the shapes of letters. The world of words will become friendly.

Improve Vocabulary

- Have your child draw a picture of something. Label the things in your child's pictures. If your child draws a picture of a house, label it with "This is a house." and put it on the refrigerator.
- Look at newspapers and magazines with your child. Find an interesting picture and show it to your child as you read the caption aloud.

MATH

Compose Numbers 11-19

- Show your child 11 objects and ask them what they would have to do to get 19 objects. (The answer would be to add 8 more.) Have them explain their reasoning.
- Give your child 19 objects and ask them to put them into two different piles. Have them then 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. (15 objects + 4 objects = 19 objects)

Decompose Numbers 11-19

- Give your child 12 objects and ask them to take away 5 of the objects. Have them tell you how many they have left. Emphasize the subtraction problem $12 - 5 = 7$ with your child.
- Give your child 19 objects and ask them to put them "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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