

# POWERFUL PARTNERS

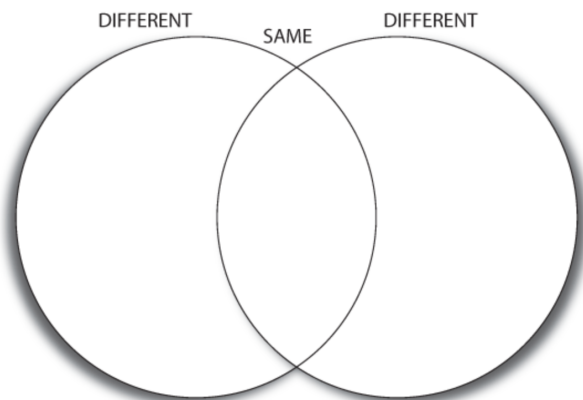
Parents and Guardians,

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

### Comparing and Contrasting

- Now that your child is getting ready to enter high school, it's a great time to look at how they've changed. Discuss how they are the same and how they've changed since they were little. Take a walk down memory lane with pictures. You could even have some great conversations about how you and your child are similar and different.
- Ask your child to compare and contrast their favorite books or characters. List the character traits in a Venn Diagram for a visual connection.



## MATH

### Understand the connections between proportional relationships, lines and linear equations

- Have your child compare two lines on any graph that you can find (newspaper, Internet, etc.) Have them tell you what they notice and what they wonder about the graph.
- With that same graph, have the student tell you what the person who wrote the graph is trying to get you to see. What is the title? What is on the x and y axis?
- Ask the student if they are convinced that the data is accurate, why or why not.
- Have your child pick one of the lines from the graph and write a story about it (does not have to be in context with the topic of the graph it is on).



Example: Johnny left his house and walked toward school. He heard his friend yell for him, so he walked back toward him and they started walking together toward school. They were almost there when they heard their friend Tom yell at them to help carry his bookbag. They walked towards Tom and both helped him gather his things.