

# 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

### Build Phonemic Awareness

- Use songs and nursery rhymes to build phonemic awareness.
- Children's songs and nursery rhymes aren't just a lot of fun—the rhyme and rhythm help kids to hear the sounds and syllables of words.
- Practice clapping the syllables of words. This is one of the most important skills in learning to read.

### Increase foundational reading skills

- Using magnetic letters to build words and word families. For example: Make the words pat, mat, sat, cat.
- As students make words, have them push up one letter at time, making the sound for each letter and then blending them together.

## MATH

### Add/Subtract within 5

- Have your child practicing adding within 5. This is a required fluency for Kindergarten. Give them facts ( $3+2$ ) and have them answer. They can also give you facts that equal something lower 5 or lower and then you tell them the answer, and let them "check" your work. Get one wrong here and there and make sure your child is not just relying on you to get it correct.
- Have your child practicing subtracting within 5. Do the same steps above, but use subtraction facts instead.

### Classify Objects and Count the number in each category

- Have two piles of coins with a different number in each pile. (For example, one has 20 coins and the other 7). Have your child estimate which one would have more and tell you why. Have them then count the coins in each pile and tell you which number is larger.
- Give your child an assortment of coins. Have them separate the coins into piles of like coins. Then have them count the number of coins in each pile. They can also put them into groups of 5s or 10s within the piles (if applicable).

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