

POWERFUL PARTNERS

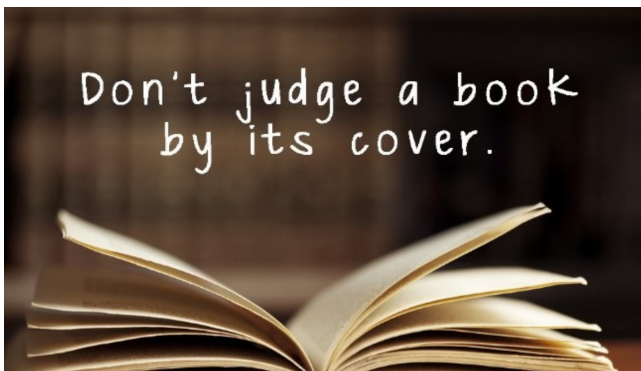
Parents and Guardians,

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

Determine Theme or Central Idea

- After your child reads a book, have a discussion about what life lesson the main character was supposed to learn in the story.
- Is there a life lesson that your child needs to learn? Choose a book that will teach them that lesson. After reading it, discuss those life lessons and how they apply to the story and real life.
- Based on a recent story your child has read, create a "life lesson" poster to emphasize the importance of understanding the lessons we learn in stories.



MATH

Understand ratios and rates in solving word problems

- Provide your child with some real world examples to determine answers to ratio problems.(Example: If it took John 7 hours to mow 4 lawns, then at that rate, how many lawns could be mowed in 35 hours?) (Answer 20)
- Have your child come up with a scenario including lawns like the one above. Have them work through the problem and explain their thinking to you (in relation to #1).

Rational Numbers

- Recognize opposite signs of numbers as it indicating locations on the opposite side of a number line. Ask them what the opposite of 20 is, they would tell you -20. Ask them -30's opposite, they would tell you 30, etc.Do this with at least 10 different numbers to reinforce this concept. The opposite of 0 is itself. It is never positive or negative.
- Talk about comparing positive and negative numbers on a number line. Remember, the number farthest to the right is the greater value. Give them 2 numbers, have them tell you which one is larger. (Examples: 2 and -9 (two is greater), -5 and -3 (-3 is greater).