

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

Use grade level phonics

- Write compound words on note cards. Each word part goes on its own card. For example, snow and flake would be on two separate cards. Have your child combine words to make compound words.
- Read a story with your child. Make a list of all of the words you read that had the suffixes -ly, -ful, --er, -less, and -or

Increase Reading Fluency

- Read with your child. Take turns reading pages so they can listen to you read. This serves as a model for fluency.
- Check out an audio book from your public library. Play the book in the car while traveling.

MATH

Fluently add with a sum of 20 or less

- Have your child practice adding within 20. Give them facts ($13+2$) and have them answer. They can also give you facts that equal something 20 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.
- Use, or make, flashcards and practice these with your child for fluency.

Geometry

- Have your child draw a circle and practice dividing it into equal shares. This will build the foundations of fractions later. (Have them divide it into 2 with one color pencil, 4 with another color, 8, and see if they can go further. Remind them they must be equal.
- Ask your child what else they could do to make sure the circle had equal shares. (Answer: They could cut out the circle and then fold it in half for 2 equal parts, in half again, in half again, etc.) Have them label the equal part numbers.