

POWERFUL PARTNERS

December

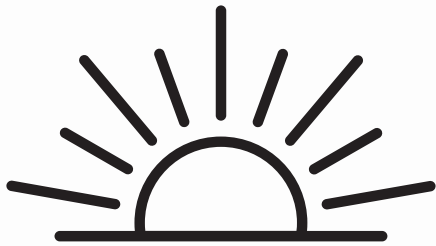
Parents and Guardians,

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

Increase Writing Skills

- Have your child write a story about waking up on Christmas morning.



Improve Reading Fluency

- Using construction paper, glue and scissors. Help your child make homemade Christmas cards.
- Read "T'was the Night Before Christmas" to your child. Model reading with fluency and expression.

MATH

Multiply with 2-digit numbers

- Have your child explain to you how they would find the answer to 20×30 . They should have studied multiplying by 10's and decomposing numbers. Some students will do the traditional algorithm to multiply, while another student may say that they know $2 \times 10 = 20$ and $3 \times 10 = 30$, therefore $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $10 \times 10 = 100$ so $6 \times 100 = 600$.
- Give your child the following problems to practice: 1) 12×200 2) 40×18 3) 50×34 4) 10×93 . Have them explain their thinking as they are solving the problems. Check each answer for accuracy. 1) 2400 2) 720 3) 1700 and 4) 930.

Patterns and Sequences

- Place 2 plates next to each other on the table. Think of each plate as one side of an equation and they have to be equal. Place 1 dime on each plate. Add 2 nickels to the left plate and 1 dime on the right plate. Are the values equal? Remove a dime from each plate. What are the new values? Are they equal? What must you do to the left side so that the two sides are equal?
- Do the type of problem in #1 with your child 4 more times. In the 5th problem, have them be the one that is making up the things to put on each plate to make an equal statement in the end.