



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

Develop Phonological Awareness

That's a complicated sounding term, but it's meaning is simple: the ability to hear, recognize, and play with the sounds in spoken language. Phonological awareness is really a group of skills that include a child's ability to:

- Identify words that rhyme
- Count the number of syllables in a name
- Recognize alliteration (words with the same beginning sound)
- Segment (break) a sentence into words
- Identify the syllables in a word

Increase Phonemic Awareness

The most sophisticated phonological awareness skill (and the last to develop) is called phonemic awareness — the ability to hear, recognize, and play with the individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words.

- When playing with the sounds in words, children learn to:
- Blend individual sounds to make a word
- Stretch out a word into its individual sounds
- Swap in a different sound to the beginning, middle, or end of a word to make a new word

MATH

Composing and Decomposing numbers 11 to 19.

Game Time

Time's Up

★ Ready

You will need:

paper, pencil, mug or cup, beans, buttons, or similar counters, timer (optional)

★ Set

Cut a sheet of paper into six smaller pieces of paper. Write one of these numbers on each piece of paper: 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Fold the pieces of paper and place them in a cup or a mug.

★ Go!

- 1 Player 1: Sets the timer to one, or two minutes, depending on the student's needs. Pulls out a number. Puts the beans, or counters, into one group of ten and one group of ones.
- 2 Player 2: counts the groups and determines if the numbers are correct. If they are correct, player 1 gets a point.
- 3 Switch roles and play again. The player with the most points wins.

Grade K • Chapter 7 Compose and Decompose Numbers 11 to 19

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