

# 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

### Increase Writing Skills

- Help your child start a journal. Say what it is and discuss topics that can be written about, such as making a new friend, an interesting school or home activity just completed, or how your child felt on the first day of school. Encourage your child to come up with other ideas. Keep a journal yourself and compare notes at the end of the week. You and your child each can read aloud parts of your journals that you want to share.
- When planning a vacation, let your child see the road map and help you plan where you will drive. Talk about where you will start and where you will end up. Let your child follow the route between these two points. Encourage your child to write to the Chamber of Commerce for brochures about places you will see on your trip.

## MATH

### Use the four operations with whole numbers to solve problems.

- As you are travelling down the road, give your child some examples of word problems and ask them what operation they would use to solve it. (Example: Tina had 3 shirts and John gave her 7 more. How many would she have altogether? – Your child would say addition and then could even go as far as saying  $3+7=10$ )
- Have your child write down 4 problems on a sheet of paper. (One addition, one subtraction, one multiplication and one division). Tell them to make sure they know how to get the answer, and then you answer the problems and let them check your work. Make sure you get one incorrect so they can identify the error, and have them explain to you how to do it correctly.

### Place value understanding for multi-digit whole numbers

- Give your child two 3 digit numbers. Have them compare them and determine which one is larger. Have them explain why.
- Have your child draw 4 blanks on their paper. Then give them four numbers to place on the page in the correct place value. (Example: 4 hundreds, 3 thousands, 5 ones and 8 tens – they would write the number 3,485). Do this multiple times with different numbers.