

# 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

- Create a writing toolbox. Fill a box with drawing and writing materials. Find opportunities for your child to write, such as the shopping list, thank you notes, or birthday cards.

### Increase Language Structure

- Create a book together. Fold pieces of paper in half and staple them to make a book. Ask your child to write sentences on each page and add his or her own illustrations.
- Tell family tales. Children love to hear stories about their family. Talk about a funny thing that happened when you were young.
- Do storytelling on the go. Take turns adding to a story the two of you make up while riding in a car or bus. Try making the story funny or spooky.

## MATH

### Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction

- As you are traveling down the road, have your child practice subtraction facts. You can also do this by making up word problems. (Example: We have 5 miles to get to the store and we have driven 3 miles, how many miles do we have left to go?)
- As you are traveling down the road, have your child practice making up addition problems and solving them. (Example: I ate 3 pancakes for breakfast Monday and 2 pancakes for breakfast today, so together, I ate 5 pancakes in two days.)

### Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.

- Show your child how to measure something with a known object. For example a fork. Then have them estimate how many "forks" long your kitchen table is.
- Have your child use their hand and estimate how many "hands" long objects are within your home.