



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 Phonics Skills

Try these phonics activities at home.

Extra, extra!

- Ask your child to find and cut out all the words in a newspaper or magazine that they can read. Glue or tape them onto a piece of paper and practice reading them together.

The "H Brothers"

- Explain to your child that sometimes two letters will stand together to create one new sound. The "H Brothers" join with other letters to make the sounds: sh, ch, th, wh and ph. Write down some example words and use multi-sensory props and gestures to help your child remember the new letter combination. Here's a fun idea for telling the story of the H Brothers to reinforce the concept.

Build-a-word

- Prefixes are sets of letters that are added to the beginning of a word, and suffixes are added to the end. Give your child a simple action word, such as heat. Ask your child to think of variations of the word by adding a prefix or suffix. For example: reheat, heated, heater, heating.

MATH

Game Time

In and Out

★ Ready

- You will need:**
- a cardboard box
 - slips of paper
 - 10 index cards



★ Set

Set the cardboard box on a desk with room to sit behind it. Number the index cards 0–9, and place them randomly in the box.

★ Go!

- 1 Take turns sitting behind the box with the slips of paper.
- 2 Write a number on the piece of paper and show it to your partner. This is the "in" number. Place it in the box.
- 3 Reach in the box, and choose an index card. Show it to your partner. This is the "out" number.
- 4 Have your partner name the rule that changed the number.
- 5 For example, you could have put 2 in the box and then brought 5 out. The rule you used is "plus 3."

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