



# POWERFUL PARTNERS

## February



*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

### Improve Phonic Skills

In order to build reading skills, your 5th grader:

- Begins to use direct quotes from texts to explain and prove ideas about the text.
- Reads a variety of genres of text including: fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.
- Uses details from the text to: summarize the text, identify the main idea or theme of a text, compare characters or events in a text or compare different texts of the same genre (for example, two fantasy texts).
- Interprets and understands metaphors and comparisons made in a text.
- Identifies an author or narrator's point of view and explain how this affects the content of a text. Compares multiple perspectives on the same event, idea, or theme.
- Uses the context of a text to determine the meaning of unknown words.
- Uses technology and digital media to further understanding of a topic and find the answers to questions.
- Gathers information from multiple sources about one topic.

## MATH

### Game Time

#### Multiplication Movement

#### Ready

You will need:  
a deck of cards  
paper and pencil  
1 number cube

#### Set

Remove the face cards and the jokers from the deck of cards. Shuffle the cards and deal each player 4 cards face down.

#### Go!

- 1 Have players turn over their cards and form a number with the 4 cards.
- 2 Toss the number cube.
- 3 Multiply the number on the number cube by the number they created with the cards. Players compare their products. Each player may switch 2 cards in her or his number to try to make the product larger.
- 4 Re-multiply the new numbers with the same number tossed on the number cube. The player with the larger product wins.



Grade 5 • Chapter 2 Multiply Whole Numbers