

How Parents Can Support Students

This document provides recommended activities for parents to engage their children in that support the literacy and numeracy/reasoning skills that will reinforce the instructional opportunities students experience during the school year.



Our Parents Will:

Elementary Support

Grade	Literacy	Numeracy/Reasoning
Pre-K	<p>Read books with students and have students identify letters, words, colors, animals and/or items in the pictures.</p> <p>Ask questions about what is being read.</p> <p>Provide a journal for students to practice name writing, letters, and drawing.</p> <p>Provide art supplies for students to create drawings.</p> <p>Use appropriate names for items and have students do the same.</p>	<p>Utilize the PreK/K Summer Guide to Mathematics Skills.</p> <p>Help students to count and write numbers 1 to 20.</p> <p>Ask students what is bigger/smaller and longer/shorter.</p> <p>Ask students to count items around the house.</p>
K-2	<p>Provide students with books/reading material and a journal.</p> <p>Ask students to read and record reflections with pictures and sentences in a journal.</p> <p>Take walks with students, discuss observations and record reflections in a journal.</p> <p>Require students to use appropriate vocabulary when sharing ideas and thoughts.</p> <p>Ask students to name items around the house and use the words in a sentence.</p> <p>Have students write stories and illustrate them.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>	<p>Engage students in life skills such as cooking, doing chores or rearranging living spaces.</p> <p>Use household items to create mathematical stories (i.e. Use beans to tell a story that uses addition and subtraction.).</p> <p>Encourage students to count, add and subtract items around the house.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>
3-5	<p>Provide books/reading material and a journal.</p> <p>Discuss the big ideas or messages of the stories with students.</p> <p>Ask students to read and record reflections in a journal.</p> <p>Engage students in discussions about reading material, family events, and hobbies/interests. Require the use of appropriate vocabulary.</p> <p>Discuss with students the resources and benefits of living in your city or town.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>	<p>Give students opportunities to look at information displayed in a graph or chart and discuss its purpose.</p> <p>Present multiplication and division problems for students to solve and justify answers.</p> <p>Ask students to look at recipes and determine how they can double or triple the ingredients.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>

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Middle School Support

Grade	Literacy	Numeracy/Reasoning
6-8	<p>Engage students in discussions about the major events in a movie or TV show and encourage student insights for what happened and what it means.</p> <p>Select times to only communicate with the students in writing. Use a journal to have a written discussion.</p> <p>Share roles and responsibilities of current or previous career opportunities.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>	<p>Encourage students to support the family with grocery shopping.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for students to cook various dishes.</p> <p>Encourage students to help with planning trips or spending time at home with the family.</p> <p>Set a schedule for daily academic work.</p>

High School Support

Grade	Literacy	Numeracy/Reasoning
9-12	<p>Engage students in discussions related to career interests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do you want to explore this topic?• How will the research help you clarify your thinking?• What will you do with the new knowledge? <p>Provide feedback on creative writing for students by giving opportunities for sharing and discussing their written or spoken works.</p> <p>Engage students in discussions about what students are finding in their exploration of social media sites and how these sites impact their lives.</p> <p>Share contacts with students for career fields; help students contact sources for career exploration.</p> <p>Require students to engage in academics for a period of time.</p>	<p>Engage students in solving household budget challenges.</p> <p>Include students in discussions about decisions regarding major purchases such as a car, house, appliances, and technology devices.</p> <p>Require students to engage in academics for a period of time.</p>