

## Tips for Helping Your Child at Home:

Reading	Language	Math
<p><b>*Read with your child every night.</b></p> <p>*Take turns reading page by page with your child.</p> <p>*Have your child use vocabulary words in complete sentences.</p> <p>*Have a contest to see you can make up more sentences with each vocabulary word.</p> <p>*Write several sentences on a sheet of paper and have your child place a card with the correct vocabulary word in each blank.</p> <p>*Ask your child to read a few pages from a book aloud. Then ask him to tell you about what he just read.</p> <p>*After reading, talk with your child about the book.</p> <p>*Use computer programs to expand a child's interest in specific topics and to provide valuable information for later curriculum study. Some good websites are:  <a href="http://www.mathfactcafe.com">http://www.mathfactcafe.com</a>  <a href="http://www.gamequarium.com/readquarium/index.html">www.gamequarium.com/readquarium/index.html</a></p>	<p><b>*Encourage your child to write things down in a journal or diary.</b></p> <p>*Play word games such as Scrabble to help with spelling.</p> <p>* Call out words and have your children build the words with play dough.</p> <p>*Have the children write their words on doodle pads.</p> <p>*Type out words. Cut the words apart. Glue the words back together.</p> <p>* Build words with pipe cleaners.</p> <p>* Build words with toothpicks.</p> <p>* Build words using magnetic letters.</p> <p>* Bounce out and spell words. Each time the ball is bounced say a letter of the word.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>This book can be bought at School Aids. Great for the summer!</p>	<p><b>*Use flashcards to practice addition and subtraction facts.</b></p> <p><b>*Ask your child to help you solve everyday number problems.</b> "We need six tomatoes to make our sauce for dinner, and we have only two. How many more do we need to buy?" "You have two pillows in your room and your sister has two pillows in her room. How many pillowcases do I need to wash?" "Two guests are coming to eat dinner with us. How many plates will we need?"</p> <p><b>*Practice "skip counting".</b> Together, count by 2's and 5's. Ask your child how far he or she can count by 10's. Roll two dice, one to determine a starting number and the other to determine the counting interval. Ask your child to try counting backwards from 10, 20, or even 100.</p> <p><b>*Talk about time.</b> Ask your child to check the time on the clock when he or she goes to school, eats meals, and goes to bed. Together, look up the time of a television program your child wants to watch.</p> <p><b>*Make a weather graph.</b> Have your child draw pictures on a calendar to record each day's weather. At the end of the month, make a picture graph showing how many sunny days, cloudy days, and rainy days there were in that month.</p> <p><b>*Count coins that are left in your pocket each day.</b></p>