

Suggestions for Parents

READ WITH YOUR CHILD

Read with your child everyday, even on no school days. Take time to talk about what you read together. Encourage your child to read for fun.

After you read together take turns asking and answering some of these questions:

- Who were the characters in the story?
- Where did the story take place? (setting)
- What happened in the beginning?, middle?, end?
- Was there a problem or problems? Is so, how were they solved?
- Why do you think...?
- How could...?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What if...?
- Why did...?
- What might happen if...?

WRITING AT HOME

Encourage your child to write everyday. Daily journals, shopping lists, thank you notes and letters to family, friends, and teachers provide great opportunities to practice writing skills.

WORD PICKING

Write a word on paper, i.e. island. Ask your child to see how many smaller words he/she can see in the word, i.e. is, land, an, etc. Reverse roles.

If you speak a language other than English, I encourage you to teach your child. The ability to speak two or more languages is a gift!

MATH

- Help your child learn his or her multiplication facts.
- Practice math everyday! Math is used in cooking, baking, building things etc.