

21st Century Skills

Encourage your child to

- solve everyday problems on their own and by collaborating with others
- be an independent thinker
- set and achieve goals
- take on household responsibilities
- express ideas and feelings in a variety of ways
- use print resources and digital tools for inquiry, research, productivity, and enjoyment

English-Language Arts

Encourage your child to

- check out books at the public library
- read to a family member
- create a fun reading spot in the home
- have a family "read-in" night with silent and aloud reading, snacks, and games
- notice the types of text used on products, games, toys, signs, etc
- write to family members to inform, persuade, and tell stories
- share their favorite parts of books
- use a computer to create a movie or other project on a topic of interest
- record themselves reading their favorite book and share with others
- communicate with family and friends with various forms of technology
- engage in conversation for a variety of purposes and audiences - at the dinner table, meeting new people, etc

Mathematics

Encourage your child to

- connect two-digit adding problems to everyday life (cooking, shopping, etc)
- practice addition and subtraction facts
- use coins to pay for things at a store
- skip count by 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s
- identify shapes they see in the world
- practice reading analog and digital clocks
- practice estimating items

Music

Encourage your child to

- listen to music from a variety of cultures and genres
- move, clap, dance, drum to a musical beat
- sing a variety of songs
- enjoy community concerts with family and friends
- share and compare songs you like with those they like

Science

Encourage your child to

- observe animal life at a local park
- create a daily weather journal
- graph rainfall or snowfall for a month
- explore balance and motion with toys
- help grow a family garden
- experiment with melting ice cubes in different environments
- make a list of items in the home that are solids or liquids

Social Studies

Encourage your child to

- plan and carry out a lemonade stand
- research and create a family timeline or family tree
- discuss family members' rights and responsibilities
- create a map of their home or neighborhood
- go with you to vote
- find common features in a variety of cultures

Visual and Media Arts

Encourage your child to

- notice and draw building components and styles
- observe and draw foreground, middleground, and background
- weave with papers and fibers
- discuss how backgrounds in movies impact the story
- sculpt an animal out of everyday materials

Health and Physical Education

Encourage your child to

- help plan healthy meals and snacks
- help select new healthy options at the grocery store
- create or update the family emergency plans
- be active for at least 30 minutes daily outside of school
- track their own distance or time progress in endurance activities (running, biking, swimming, etc)
- limit electronics usage
- play together with the family
- try new physical activities