

21st Century Skills

Encourage your child to

- find alternative ways to solve a problem
- try something on his or her own first, before getting assistance
- use positive self-talk in order to confidently make decisions
- share ideas verbally, visually, and through writing
- explain the importance of saying "no" to negative influences
- Use print resources and digital tools for inquiry, research, productivity, and enjoyment

English-Language Arts

Encourage your child to

- visit the public library
- read to younger children
- read recipes, directions, or movie descriptions
- create a space to keep books and read each day
- create written or video book reviews
- use technology to keep a journal
- write to family members using correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation
- investigate the meanings of unknown words

Mathematics

Encourage your child to

- teach you how they work through math problems
- find the best deal by estimating a cost after a discount or tax is applied
- practice multiplication and division facts
- help make modifications to recipes
- find the perimeter, area, and volume of household items
- name various geometric shapes
- examine everyday graphs and tables
- practice finding the difference in the temperature from day to day
- describe various 3-dimensional objects

Music

Encourage your child to

- listen to music from a variety of cultures and genres
- create music and songs using their voice and instruments
- participate in opportunities to sing or play instruments in school or in the community
- attend music performances of family and friends
- talk with you about the different ways they use music to express themselves

Science

Encourage your child to

- notice pulleys and levers around your home
- track daily rainfall or snowfall
- observe ways the environment changes after weather events
- look for examples of erosion and deposits
- plan ways to conserve energy at home
- plant a garden and record changes
- conduct small experiments where one variable is changed to create different results

Social Studies

Encourage your child to

- point out a public problem and imagine how a variety of people would see its causes and possible solutions
- discuss with family about ancestors chose to live in a particular place and why they may have left another place
- discuss various decision-making methods with family members
- use different types of maps to discuss how the environment affects the population
- talk about how they might have responded to a particular historic event

Visual and Media Arts

Encourage your child to

- practice drawing faces and figures
- look for messages and themes in museum exhibitions
- take photographs from different perspectives
- create and edit movies for a specific audience
- compare artworks from different cultures and time periods

Health and Physical Education

Encourage your child to

- plan and make a balanced meal
- participate in daily physical activities
- explain the importance of taking care of your body and practicing proper hygiene
- discuss with you developmental and body changes they are experiencing
- limit electronics usage
- track their own distance or time progress in endurance activities