Ways to Support Learning at Home - Grade 4

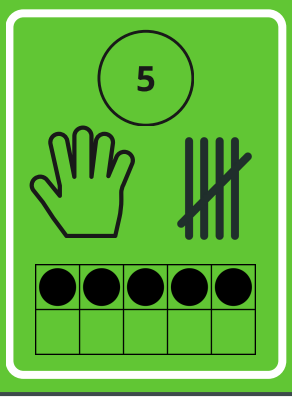
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Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door.
These everyday activities are easy ways to support your child's growth at home—through reading, conversation, exploration, and play. Little moments make a big difference.

Literacy

- Read with your child every night & ask questions about what your child reads (How do you know? Cite text evidence.)
- Encourage your child to reread material to better understand what they are reading.
- Distinguish fact from opinion
- Compare and contrast the point of view from different stories
- Encourage stretching out multisyllable words to hear all the parts to spell them correctly. (prefixes, syllables, and suffixes)
- Discuss new vocabulary and the meaning of prefixes, suffixes, and root words. Ex. hydro=water, bio=life, anti=against, tri=three, ist=a person
- Show purposes for reading; read directions for how to set up aTV, game, or recipe.

Math



- Practice basic facts at home (+,-,x)
- Ask your child to help you with recipe adjustments
- Ask your child to calculate discounts and the total purchase price while shopping
- Try to determine the outcome of multiple coin tosses
- Create (set aside) number sequences with both correct and incorrect answers, then ask your child to determine if they are true or false
- Have your child measure the perimeter (distance around an enclosed figure) of each room in your house and then find the area (length x width = ? sq. units) of each room
- Look for graphs, tables, and charts in magazines and newspapers or electronically, discuss the data

Science

- Use a small magnet to "test" metal objects in the house
- Dismantle and discover what is inside a small electric toy or appliance
- Take inventory of things that use electricity in your home
- Discuss and practice water conservation at home
- Find ways to slow the melting process of an ice cube; chart and discuss the results

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Learning is a team effort.
When schools and families work together, children thrive. These suggested activities offer fun, meaningful ways to reinforce key skills at home—all while building routines, relationships, and confidence.

Social Studies



- Look at a globe together and talk about continents, countries and bodies of water
- Find a birth certificate & discuss what it tells about your child's personal history
- Name and locate countries neighboring the United States
- Use data to explain population changes in the United States and Canada
- Describe tribal governments and the services they provide
- Explain what productivity means and ways to increase productivity
- Describe the factors that determine prices
- Ask your child what they know about the Revolutionary War
- Use a range of maps to locate the United States, Canada, and Mexico
- Name and locate all states, state capitals and major U.S. cities
- Discuss different perspectives on a topic

Emotional Learning



- Help your child name and manage emotions by talking calmly about feelings and what triggers them
- Validate emotions so your child knows their feelings are normal and manageable
- Model healthy responses to emotions—kids learn by watching adults
- Create a safe space where your child feels comfortable expressing themselves

Skills to Reinforce:

- Identifying Feelings (e.g., "I feel frustrated because...")
- Empathy and Respect (e.g., recognizing how others feel)
- Emotion Management (e.g., deep breathing, self-talk, counting)
- Problem-Solving Steps (e.g., Stop → Think → Plan → Try)

Speaking



- Practice both social and formal conversations with your child
- Encourage them to ask and answer questions to gain clarity in discussions
- Model and reinforce speaking in complete sentences
- Practice making eye contact when speaking and listening
- Take turns during conversations to build respectful communication habits
- Support your child in expressing ideas and sharing personal experiences
- Work together to exchange ideas, make decisions, and solve problems
- Set goals and create simple timelines to complete tasks together
- Have your child read and follow step-by-step directions—like when preparing a recipe
- Invite your child to talk through a decision that will impact their life and why it matters