

Title 1 Parent Engagement Calendar

Grade 2

September

Reading & Literacy Prompts	Math & Numeracy Prompts
• Dictionary Skills: Look up an unknown word in a dictionary or online. Read the definition and use it in a sentence. • Noun Hunt: Walk through a room and point out common nouns (person, place, thing) and proper nouns (specific names). • Rhyme Time: Call out a simple word (like cat or map) and see how many real or silly rhyming words you can chain together. • Reading Fluency: Have your child read the same paragraph three times in a row, focusing on speed and expression.	• Word to Digit: Write down a number in word form (e.g., 'five hundred twenty-six') and have your child write the digits. • Story Problems: Create a real-world subtraction story problem using toys or snacks, then map out the equation. • Tallies to Tens: Use tally marks to keep score during a family game, grouping them into clean sets of 5 for quick counting. • Pattern Tracking: Write down a number pattern (like 24, 28, 32, __) and ask your child to find the missing number and rule.

October

Reading & Literacy Prompts	Math & Numeracy Prompts
• Spooky Spelling: Write spelling or sight words using a finger in a thin layer of salt, sugar, or shaving cream on a tray. • Character Motives: Discuss *why* a character made a specific choice in a book. What did they want to achieve? • Adjective Addition: Pick a basic object (like a ball) and add three descriptive adjectives (like big, red, bouncy). • Cause and Effect: Connect events while reading: 'Because it started raining (cause), the characters had to...' (effect).	• Skip Count 2s: Practice skip counting by 2s up to 50 while doing jumping jacks or marching in place. • Array Addition: Draw a grid array (like 4 rows of 5) and write out the repeating addition equation ($5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 20$). • Missing Addends: Play a missing number game: '12 plus what blank number equals 20?' ($12 + \underline{\quad} = 20$). • Shape Properties: Count the flat sides and corners on various household items like books, plates, and laptops.

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• Family Recipes: Read a simple holiday or family cooking recipe together aloud, focusing on instructional words. • Summarize Text: After a chapter, have your child summarize what happened using exactly three sentences. • Context Clues: Guess the meanings of unfamiliar words in an informational article by analyzing the photographs. • Punctuation Check: Write a sentence missing its period or question mark and ask your child to correct the error.	• Recipe Cups: Explore measuring tools in the kitchen. Look at a 1-cup measure vs. a half-cup measure to compare sizes. • Mixed Coins: Count a combined handful of dimes and nickels. Practice counting by 10s then switching over to 5s. • Two-Step Math: Solve a basic two-step story problem (e.g., 'I have 10 apples, buy 5 more, and give 3 away. How many are left?'). • Subtracting Regroup: Practice a two-digit subtraction problem that requires borrowing a ten (like $52 - 27$) with sketches.

December

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• Reading Traditions: Spend an evening reading a favorite holiday story or cultural tale together under cozy lighting. • Plot Predictions: Stop halfway through a new holiday book and ask your child to predict how the conflict will be solved. • Vocabulary Jar: Write new words learned this month on slips of paper and pull them out to review definitions weekly. • Act It Out: Choose a dramatic scene from a book and have your child act it out using voice changes and physical gestures.	• Temperature Checks: Read an outdoor thermometer or weather app together. Compare morning vs. afternoon temperatures. • Comparing Data: Look at a weather chart. Find out how many more sunny days occurred this month than rainy ones. • Fluency Flash: Practice mixed addition and subtraction facts up to 20 for 5 minutes daily to build instant recall. • Place Value Wars: Draw 3 cards from a deck. Whoever arranges their cards to make the largest 3-digit number wins the round.

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• Compound Words: Look around the house for compound words (like bedroom or toothbrush). Break them into two separate words. • Character Feelings: Read a story. Ask your child how the main character feels at the beginning vs. the end, and why. • Sight Word Hunt: Pick 3 high-frequency words. Hunt for them in a favorite storybook or a cereal box. • Asking Questions: Pause while reading and ask 'Who, What, Where, When, Why, or How' questions about the plot.	• Skip Counting: Practice skip counting by 5s, 10s, and 100s up to 1,000 while throwing a ball or jumping rope. • Base Ten Blocks: Draw a 3-digit number using squares (hundreds), lines (tens), and dots (ones) to show its total value. • Expanded Form: Take any 3-digit number (like 342) and write it out as its full place value sum: $300 + 40 + 2$. • Mental Math: Call out a number between 10 and 90. Have your child instantly tell you what is 10 more or 10 less.

February

Reading & Literacy Prompts	Math & Numeracy Prompts
• Context Clues: When encountering an unfamiliar word, look at the sentences right before and after it to guess its definition. • Real vs. Make-Believe: Read a story and debate whether it is fiction (made up) or non-fiction (informational/real). • Syllable Clapping: Practice clapping out the syllables of longer 3-syllable or 4-syllable words found around the house. • Main Message: After finishing a story or fable, ask your child what lesson or moral the character learned.	• Even or Odd: Grab a handful of small objects (like pennies or beans). Pair them up to determine if the number is even or odd. • Double Up: Practice rapid-fire addition double facts (like $6+6$, $7+7$, $8+8$) up to 20 during a commercial break. • Array Drawings: Arrange small toys into neat rows and columns (like 3 rows of 4) and write the matching addition equation. • Two-Digit Addition: Create a two-digit addition problem without regrouping (like $23 + 42$) and solve it using paper and pencil.

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• Punctuation Power: Read a book aloud together. Pay extra attention to exclamation points and question marks, changing your tone. • Author's Purpose: Discuss whether an author wrote a specific book to persuade, inform, or entertain the reader. • Prefix Power: Explore how adding prefixes like 'un-' or 're-' changes a base word's meaning (unhappy, rewrite). • Compare Characters: Read two different books and discuss how the main characters are alike and different.	• Subtracting Tens: Practice subtracting multiples of 10 from any two-digit number mentally (e.g., what is 54 minus 20?). • Measuring Tools: Find an object longer than a standard foot and choose whether to measure it using inches, feet, or centimeters. • Comparing Lengths: Measure two different household shoes in inches. Subtract the shorter length from the longer one. • Word Problems: Write a basic addition word problem about dynamic family pets or toys, then solve it together.

April

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• Root Words: Identify the base root word inside longer action words containing suffixes like '-ed', '-ing', or '-est'. • Retell the Plot: Use your fingers to retell a story in order: First, Next, Then, After that, and Finally. • Poetry Rhythms: Read a short poem aloud. Have your child tap their foot to the rhythm and identify rhyming pairs. • Fact vs. Opinion: Give two statements about a favorite food (one fact, one opinion) and have your child guess which is which.	• Coin Counting: Create a mixed pile of quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. Practice counting the total value aloud. • Dollar Dilemmas: Use dollar bills and coins to make exactly \$1.00 in three different ways using distinct coin combinations. • Telling Time: Look at an analog clock. Practice reading the exact hour and nearest 5-minute marker together. • AM or PM: Name daily activities (eating breakfast, reading a bedtime story) and categorize them as AM or PM hours.

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• Vowel Sounds: Look for words with long vowel pairs (like 'ai' in rain, 'ea' in team) and practice sorting them. • Setting the Scene: Have your child describe the setting of a book using all five senses (what they see, hear, smell). • Nonfiction Text: Read an informational book. Point out features like headings, captions, and the index, discussing their use. • Predict Outcomes: Stop reading right before a major event or chapter ends. Ask your child to predict what happens next.	• Bar Graphs: Look out a window for 5 minutes. Count cars, birds, and trees, then draw a basic bar graph of the results. • Line Plots: Measure 5 different pencils to the nearest whole inch. Draw a line plot with 'X' marks to display the data. • Geometric Shapes: Walk around the house hunting for 2D shapes. Identify triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, and hexagons. • Face Counting: Pick a 3D household object (like a tissue box) and count its total number of faces, edges, and vertices.

June

Reading & Literacy Prompts	Math & Numeracy Prompts
• Summer Journal: Write two sentences about a fun summer day. Focus on capitalizing names and ending with a period. • Action Verbs: Play a game of charades where every hidden prompt is an action verb (like running, painting, or jumping). • Shades of Meaning: Talk about how similar words have different strengths (e.g., the difference between cold, chilly, and freezing). • Graphic Novel Read: Read a comic strip or graphic novel. Discuss how the illustrations help explain the dialogue bubbles.	• Partitioning Shapes: Cut a sandwich or a piece of paper into two or four equal shares. Name the pieces halves or fourths. • Equal Shares: Discuss how 4 people sharing a pizza equally means everyone gets exactly one-fourth of the total food. • Regrouping Practice: Solve a two-digit addition problem that requires carrying over a ten (like $28 + 35$) using drawings. • Estimation Stations: Estimate how many steps it takes to walk from the front door to the kitchen, then count to check.

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• Audiobooks: Listen to a kid-friendly audiobook or read-aloud video. Ask your child to describe what they pictured. • Sign Search: Read road signs, billboards, and store names aloud during a car ride or a family neighborhood walk. • Synonym Match: Pick a common word like 'big' or 'happy' and brainstorm three synonyms that mean the same thing. • Opinion Writing: Have your child write down their favorite summer activity and give two reasons why they love it.	• Step Counting: Keep track of physical activity by counting steps during a walk. Practice rounding the total to the nearest 10. • Number Riddles: Give a riddle: 'I have 3 hundreds, 5 tens, and 2 ones. What number am I?' Swap roles so they build one. • Greater or Less: Write down pairs of 3-digit numbers on paper and insert the correct comparison symbol (<, >, or =). • Flashcard Fun: Spend 5 minutes practicing basic addition and subtraction facts within 20 to maintain core fluency.

August

Reading & Literacy Prompts	Math & Numeracy Prompts
• Letter Writing: Write a short letter or postcard to a relative. Practice writing a greeting, body, and closing. • Antonym Match: Call out a word (like fast, hot, or tall) and challenge your child to quickly shout back its exact antonym. • Book Picnic: Pack a blanket and a basket of favorite books, and spend 15 minutes reading outside in the shade. • Illustrator Walk: Look through a book's pictures before reading. Guess the plot line based entirely on visual clues.	• Measurement Hunt: Find three items around the house that are shorter than a standard 12-inch ruler. • Calendar Math: Look at a current calendar page. Ask your child to find specific dates or name what day next week will be. • Adding Hundreds: Practice adding 100 to various 3-digit numbers mentally (e.g., what is $432 + 100$?). • Subtraction Steps: Practice a two-digit subtraction problem without borrowing (like $75 - 32$) using scrap paper.