HOW TO STRENGTHEN LITERACY SKILLS AT HOME

Supporting your child's literacy development at home can improve their reading and language skills

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Phonemic Awareness

- Read and sing nursery rhymes together.
- Play "I spy". For example, If you're in the kitchen you can say, "I spy something red that starts with the /a/ sound"(apple).

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Phonics

- To read hard words, ask your child to: Look for the parts you know, Sound it out, and Check it!
- Segment, or take apart sounds, to spell words.

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Fluency

- Model fluent reading. When students hear how to read with expression and an appropriate rate, the more likely they are able to pick it up.

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Vocabulary

- Play oral words games such as naming opposites to help develop your child's vocabulary. (i.e. upset vs. joyful)
- Talk with your child using interesting and new words. For example, the soup was insipid, tasting like cardboard.

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Comprehension

- Read Together! Ask questions as you go and have your child retell the story in their own words.
- Visit your local library or purchase books that your child is interested in.

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