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Support Writing at Home

Writing is an essential skill that can benefit students for the rest of their lives. Writing can support:

- **Academic Development** by increasing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Social Development** by connecting children to the world around them. Collaborative writing projects enable students to achieve writing goals together.

The best activity to help your child improve writing is reading. If your child is read to often and reads books, he will be a better writer.

Start a vocabulary notebook with your child. Teach her new words each week and encourage her to use them. List new words in the vocabulary notebook and see the number of words learned. The words will soon become a part of her every day vocabulary. It is very important that the vocabulary is connected to her learning.



Learning Math Skills through Reading Literature

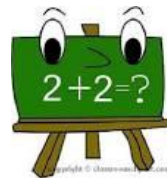
Children's books are being used more frequently to teach mathematics.

Children's Literature is an effective tool for mathematics instruction because it:

- Incorporates stories into the teaching and learning of mathematics.
- Introduces math concepts and contexts in a motivating manner.
- Helps build an understanding of math skills through illustrations.

Listed below are some examples of children's books that incorporate math skills:

- Math Fables by Greg Tang, Pre-K through grade 3
- Math for All seasons by Greg Tang, K through grade 3
- One Grain of Rice, A Mathematical Folktale by Demi, Grades 4-6
- Remainder of One by Elinor J Pinczes, Grades 4-6



Important Dates

December 19, 2014

- No School for Preschool and 4K Students
- Half Day for Students
 - Elementary Schools Dismiss 11:00 a.m.
 - Middle and High Schools Dismiss 12:00 p.m.

January 7, 2015

- Students Return to School

5K-Grade 5 Winter Break: December 22, 2014 through January 6, 2015
Students return to school January 7, 2015.

