

## **HOME CONNECTION: RESOURCE LIST**

The following resources offer opportunities to explore various academic subjects through fun, interactive approaches to learning.

### **English Language Arts/Reading Resources:**

#### **What are some everyday ways that I can help my child with reading?**

- Provide many opportunities for your child to read books or other materials. Take advantage of the library!
- Children learn to read best when they have books and other reading materials at home and plenty of chances to read.
- Read aloud to your child. Research shows that this is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success. Keep reading aloud even when your child can read independently.
- Play games like Scrabble, Spill and Spell, Scattergories, and Balderdash together.
- Follow your child's interest—find fiction and nonfiction books that tie into this interest.
- Work crossword puzzles with your child.
- Give your child a magazine subscription for a gift like High Five/Highlights.

### **English Language Arts (ELA)/Reading Websites:**

[www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) Raz Kids--requires school login

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) Language Arts games and more

[www.m-w.com/game/](http://www.m-w.com/game/) Merriam Webster Word Game of the Day

[www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com) Vocabulary activities

[www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words](http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words) Vocabulary builders

<http://helponenglish.homestead.com> English help

[www.writesite.org](http://www.writesite.org) Interactive Language Arts and Journalism

[www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) Learn more about the Lexile Framework

[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com) Book reviews, games, authors, and more

[Literacy Zone](http://www.literacyzone.com) English games and activities

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) PreK-3 Reading practice

[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) Educational website for parents on Reading

### **Math Resources:**

#### **What are some everyday ways that I can help my child with math?**

- Spend time with kids on simple board games, puzzles, and activities that encourage better attitudes about numbers and stronger math skills.
- Check your television listings for shows that can reinforce math skills in a practical and fun way. PBS Kids is a great resource.

- Encourage children to solve everyday problems. Provide assistance, but let them figure it out themselves. Problem solving is a lifetime skill which will reinforce math perseverance.
- The kitchen is filled with tasty opportunities to teach fractional measurements, such as doubling and dividing cookie recipes.
- Point out ways that people use math every day to pay bills, add a grocery bill, balance their checkbooks, figure out their net earnings, make change, and how to tip at restaurants.
- Involve your child in projects that incorporate geometric and algebraic concepts such as planning and planting a garden, building a bookshelf, or figuring how long it will take to drive to your family vacation destination.
- Help kids become familiar with charts and graphs by talking about what they mean. Collecting and analyzing data will help your child draw conclusions and become discriminating readers of numerical information.

### **Math Websites:**

**www.ixl.com IXL Math program. Requires student's personal school login.**

www.khanacademy.com Khan Academy-free classes and tools

www.aaamath.com Math practice and activities

www.splashmath.com K-5 Math games & facts practice

www.coolmath.com Interactive math games

www.funbrain.com Great site for kids

www.aplusmath.com A+ Math

http://mathforum.org/dr.math/ Ask Dr. Math

www.mathleague.com/help/help.htm Math League help topics

www.edhelper.com Help for all subjects

www.multiplication.com Multiplication Games

www.math.com

### **Science & Social Studies Websites**

Kids National Geographic

National Gallery of Art

### **Additional Misc. Educational Websites**

www.abcya.com Educational games on various subjects

www.pbskids.org

www.khanacademy.com

www.study.com