

ZEARN HELPERS



You can have a big impact on your child's math learning. Here are some ideas to encourage your child's success with Zearn Math.

TOUGH PROBLEMS!



Help your child persevere by asking:

*"Read the problem aloud again.
What are they asking you to solve?"*

*"Are you stuck on this problem?
It's okay if you do not know the answer.
Make your best guess and Zearn will help."*

*"Have you rewatched the part of the lesson
with the teacher? It's okay to watch it again!"*

*"It's okay to make a mistake.
That's how our brains get stronger."*

Zearn Math is designed for kids to work through each 30 minute lesson on their own. Your child will learn with an on-screen Zearn teacher and solve math problems in lots of different activities, all with built in math help.

MOTIVATE AND CELEBRATE



Be your child's cheerleader! Try asking:

*"What is your lesson goal this week?
Let's track it together."*

*"I saw you working hard!
Let's celebrate your new badges."*

*"Can you show me what strategies
you're working on?"*

*"Which teacher was in your video
lessons today? What did they talk about?"*

COMPUTER GLITCHES



Students likely know their way around a device. But they may need help:

*"The next activity is at the top of your
screen. Click the start button."*

*"The internet is slow right now so your
work might not have saved – enter your
answers again."*

*"Everyone has computer issues sometimes.
Log out and back in again, or restart
the computer."*

"Try refreshing the browser."

It is never too early (or late) to start doing literacy activities with your child. Strong literacy skills are essential for development and provide a foundation for school and work performance, social skills, and solving problems in all subject areas. Just a few minutes spent each day on simple literacy activities can add up to a lifelong love of reading and learning! These literacy-based activities are great for your preschool or early elementary age child.

READING

♥ READ EVERY DAY!

Getting into the habit of reading every day for at least a few minutes is helpful for your child's development.

♥ THINK ALOUD AS YOU READ.

Point out what you see in the pictures. Talk to your children about what you are reading. What did they like about the story? What didn't they like?



WRITING, DRAWING, & CREATING

♥ EXPLORE FEELINGS.

Creativity and ideas can be expressed by drawing pictures.

♥ BE CREATIVE.

Paper, crayons, markers, glue, and even household items like noodles, boxes, and sponges can be great tools for creativity.

♥ MAKE STORIES.

Encourage your child to "tell stories" to you. Write their story down for them in a booklet (just a few pages of stapled paper is fine!), and have them illustrate their story.

♥ PLAY "FIRST, NEXT, LAST."

Have pictures of different scenes from stories you read, and have your child sequence the events using the pictures. Have them retell the story.

♥ PAINT WORDS WITH WATER.

Get a clean paintbrush and small bucket of plain water. Go outside and let your child paint letters or words on the walls, sidewalk, or fence.

SPEAKING & LISTENING

♥ BUILD VOCABULARY.

Talk with your child about everything. Describe the world around them in real (adult) terms.

♥ EXPLORE RHYMES AND SONGS.

These can expose new words and develop speaking skills.

BUILDING LITERACY SKILLS AT HOME

UPPER
ELEMENTARY
(AGES 7-9)

Literacy based activities should be encouraged at home for all ages. Between the ages of 7-9, children's reading fluency is improving, and they are becoming increasingly capable of reading books independently. This is an exciting time for early readers who are eager to practice their new reading skills, and supporting their growing reading independence is a way that families can nurture a love of reading and learning. These literacy activities are great for upper elementary students.

READING

**BUILD A HOME LIBRARY.**

Include books about topics your child is interested in, popular book series, and also books that may be unfamiliar to your child to expand interests.

**PRACTICE STORIES FROM SCHOOL.**

If your child comes home with a decodable story (one they have learned in class and has words that can be sounded out), encourage them to practice reading it independently. Re-reading familiar stories is a great way to build reading fluency.

**SUPPORT GROWING SKILLS.**

Listen to them read books that you have in your home, and provide support when they are struggling to decode (sound out) a word. If they don't know the sounds, it's ok to tell them the word!

**ENCOURAGE CHOICES.**

Allowing your child to choose books they want to read can help foster a love for reading.

**MIX IN MOVIES.**

Suggest books from movies your child likes. They may enjoy getting the additional details that the book provides.

WRITING & DRAWING

**KEEP IN TOUCH.**

Suggest that your child send notes to family members or relatives via snail-mail or email.

**JOURNAL.**

Provide your child with a decorative notebook and pen, and encourage them to share a few sentences about their day.

**PRACTICE HANDWRITING.**

Children need regular practice writing with a pen and paper to improve their handwriting, including cursive.

**ENHANCE TYPING SKILLS.**

Use free typing classes and websites to support your child with this important life skill.

SPEAKING & LISTENING

**LISTEN TO AUDIO BOOKS.**

Listening to a novel that appeals to the whole family is a great way to engage in family book discussions.

**TALK ABOUT IT.**

Ask them their opinions of a book they are reading and help them make real-world connections to what they are reading.

CREATING

**PLAY GAMES.**

Games like Scrabble, Boggle, and many other board games require reading skills.

**BRING STORIES TO LIFE.**

Encourage your child to use technology to create digital stories or animations.

