Family Resources for Reading Writing and Math

Chippewa Local Schools | Kindergarten through Grade 12

Small, regular conversations and practice can help your child build skills at home. Choose one activity that matches the skill your child is working on, and ask the teacher which skill to focus on first. These ideas support the instruction and intervention your child receives at school.

You do not need to use every link. Start with a few minutes of conversation or practice several times a week. If an activity feels too hard, ask the teacher for a more suitable starting point.

Kindergarten through Grade 2

Reading and writing

- **Try at home.** Read aloud and talk about the story. Ask “What happened first?” and “What do you think will happen next?” For beginning readers, practice the letter sounds and word patterns the teacher sends home; let your child sound out unfamiliar words before you help. Invite your child to write a sentence about the day.

  Reading Rockets Reading 101 for Families — Choose your child’s grade for activities in sounds, decoding, fluency, comprehension, and writing.

Math

- **Try at home.** Count and compare objects while cooking or shopping. Make groups of 10 with coins or small objects; ask “How do you know?” and “Is there another way?” Use a board game to practice counting on and adding.

  Math at Home, grades K–2 — Choose kindergarten, first, or second grade for games and hands-on activities.

Grades 3 through 5

Reading and writing

- **Try at home.** Read a book or short article together. Ask your child to explain the main idea and point to a sentence that supports it. Talk about one new word, then use it in another sentence. Encourage a short written response about what they learned or wondered.

  Reading Rockets Literacy at Home — Find family reading and writing activities and answers to common questions.

Math

- **Try at home.** Use recipes, shopping, or measuring to discuss multiplication, division, fractions, and decimals. Ask your child to draw or explain a strategy, even when the answer is correct. Pick the topic the teacher identifies for practice.

  Math at Home, grades 3–5 — Select third, fourth, or fifth grade; activities are grouped by math topic.

Grades 6 through 8

Reading and writing

- **Try at home.** Have your child explain the claim or main idea of something they read for class and show the evidence that supports it. Ask what a new academic word means in context. For writing, talk through the idea and organization before proofreading together.

AdLit family literacy ideas — Ideas for supporting reading and writing in middle and high school.

Math

- **Try at home.** Use discounts, recipes, maps, or sports data to discuss ratios, percentages, and graphs. Ask “What does this number represent?” and “How could we check?” Choose a practice lesson that matches the current class topic.

Khan Academy math courses — Select grades 6–8 or a specific topic for videos and practice.

Mathigon Polypad — Use visual tools to explore fractions, equations, and geometry.

Grades 9 through 12

Reading and writing

- **Try at home.** Ask your teen to summarize an assigned text, explain its central claim, and identify the evidence. For a writing assignment, have them say the argument aloud, organize their points, and revise one paragraph for clarity. Let your teen do the writing.

AdLit family literacy ideas — Ways families can talk about adolescent reading and writing.

Purdue OWL writing process — Guides for planning, drafting, and revising school writing.

Math

- **Try at home.** Ask which course and current skill need attention. Have your teen explain one worked example and then try a similar problem. Connect functions, graphs, or geometry to a practical situation such as a budget, trip, or measurement.

Khan Academy high school math — Choose the course or topic that matches the teacher’s recommendation.

Getting help from school

If you are unsure where to start, ask your child’s teacher: “Which reading, writing, or math skill should we practice now?” and “Which activity on this page fits that skill?” Tell the teacher if a task is frustrating, too easy, or inaccessible so they can suggest another way to practice. Families may also read and discuss in their home language.

Colorín Colorado family literacy videos — English and Spanish ideas for supporting literacy at home.