

# ***How to Help Your 4th Grader Mathematician at Home***

- Ask your child to read the problem aloud.
- “Tell me what’s happening in the problem in your own words.”
- “Can you draw a model or picture?”
- “Have you ever solved a problem like this before?”
- Break it down into smaller steps;  
Ask questions along the way.
  - “Write down what you know.”
  - “What would you do first? Next?”
- Make the context relevant to your child. (Change the kind of sport in the story to your child’s favorite sport; use your child’s name in the story.)
- “Is there a resource in your Math Toolkit or on Google Classroom that might be helpful?”
- Try making the numbers smaller or more friendly so that they can have success.
- Help your child be a flexible thinker.
  - “Think about a strategy that a friend used in class.”

**If your child is struggling at home, please make sure they communicate with me on their daily homework:**

\*Red dot – I tried & tried, but just can’t get it

\*yellow dot – I got the answer, but I need more practice with this concept