

READY TO PARTNER:

5 Steps for a Different Kind of School Year

When parents and teachers join forces, students succeed. This year it will be more important than ever. Here are five steps to help keep your child on track, no matter where learning takes place.



1 Know your voice is needed >>

Parents and teachers will need to have each other's back this year. Don't be afraid to ask for help or share ideas on how to make new learning models work. Let your child's teacher know the best way to reach you and set a plan for how and when to be in regular communication.



3 Partner with teachers to create a plan >>

Given distance learning last spring, you have new insight on your child. Share what you've noticed about their strengths and areas where they need help. Ask how your child's academic skills will be measured at the beginning of the year and how you can use the information at home.



5 Remember, you're a learning hero >>

You have role-modeled incredible strengths for your child this year. Ask other parents for ideas on learning at home and share what's worked for you. Bond as a family by reading about topics that interest your child. Find math in everyday life. Take care of you and celebrate your family's successes.

2 Take the Readiness Check >>

READINESS CHECK

The beginning of the year is a combination of review and new material. It's important to know if your child has the math and reading skills needed for success in their new grade. Use the Readiness Check to find out and get connected to videos and activities to support these skills at home.



4 Lean into how your child is feeling >>

The life skills you promote at home, such as communication, problem-solving, and confidence, will help your child overcome hard moments. Ask your child how they are feeling about the changes due to different school schedules and all that is happening in the world. Help them stay connected with friends and family so they know they aren't alone.

