

Activities that Support 4th Grade Learning

How Parents Can Help...

Reading

- Read aloud to your child daily.
- Each day, provide 20 minutes of uninterrupted silent reading time for your child.
- Offer a variety of reading materials such as magazines, encyclopedias, atlases and library books.
- Provide several books by the same author so your child can compare the books.
- Discuss character, plot and setting.
- Let your child see you read for purpose and pleasure.

Writing

- Encourage your child to write within the family setting, for example notes, lists, pen pals, letters and journals.
- Provide writing tools such as colored paper, pens and markers.
- Provide access to a computer with a keyboard, word processing, spell check and thesaurus to practice.
- Remind your child to carefully proofread all written work for content as well as spelling and punctuation.
- Help your child in mastering the grade level spelling lists.

Listening & Speaking

- Model and encourage good listening and speaking skills for your child daily.
- Attend live presentations of children's theatre and storytelling.
- Support your child in memorizing poems, songs, plays and oral reports.
- Give your child a chance to express him/herself daily in the family setting.

Mathematics

- Support your child in learning multiplication and division.
- Involve your child in mathematical situations when they occur in the family setting, for example measurement, cooking, fractions and interpreting graphs and charts in the newspaper.
- Use meter sticks, scales, calculators and drawings to explain and explore concepts.
- Play math games using playing cards, dominoes and dice.
- If possible, provide access to computer math games.

Science/History

- Support units of study by providing other resources, such as videos, library books, magazines, encyclopedias, games, etc.
- Provide opportunities for your child to discuss his/her science studies with you.
- Do simple science experiments with your child which relate to what is being studied in class.
- Involve your child in science activities as they occur in the family setting, such as recycling and the weather.
- Encourage your child to ask questions and seek answers from more than one source.
- Encourage your child to make observations about things that interest him/her.
- If possible, visit science centers, museums, and nature centers.

History/Social Science

- Support units of study by providing other resources, for example videos, library books, encyclopedias, games, globes and maps.
- Make your child aware of Nevada local and state news as it occurs.
- Involve your child in community and school service projects.
- Help your child understand the responsibilities of citizenship.
- Help your child understand the workings of the state and local governments.
- Help your child to appreciate and understand the different cultures within Nevada.
- Visit local museums and state parks.

Study Skills

- Be aware of grade level units of study and teacher standards.
- Consistently promote and teach self-discipline and good work habits.
- Provide a quiet, well-equipped area for homework and study.
- Lead your child to answers by questioning rather than giving him/her the answers.
- When there are challenges, help your child to understand that persistence will bring success.
- Check to be sure each homework assignment is completed.
- Make your child responsible for putting all completed assignments into a backpack.
- Check completed work which has been sent home each Friday in a folder.
- Sign the folder and have your child return it to his/her teacher on Monday each week.
- Show that you value education by sending your child to school on time, prepared and ready to learn.
- Attend school functions and conferences. **Make learning a priority in your home!**

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