

PARENT GUIDE TO

SIXTH GRADE

Third Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

This grading period, students read informational and argumentative texts and learn how writers share and support their ideas.

Students will:

- Figure out the author's main point and the reasons that support it.
- Decide whether the evidence in a text is strong or weak.
- Notice the way an author's words and tone help communicate a message.
- Compare two texts to see how different writers explain similar topics.
- Write short responses that clearly state a claim and use text evidence to support it.

MATH

In MODULE 4, Determining Unknown Quantities, students will learn math tools to solve real-life problems, including:

- how to use letters to stand for numbers (variables),
- solve basic math puzzles (equations),
- understand mathematical relationships using tables and graphs,
- how to use a bank account,
- how credit works, and
- how important school and job choices are for their future income.

In MODULE 5, Describing Variability of Quantities, students will learn how to become data detectives, by:

- asking questions to gather information (data),
- recognizing patterns to understand what the data means,
- displaying data using different kinds of charts and graphs, like bar graphs and histograms,
- learning how to find the average value in a dataset, and
- telling how spread out the information is, which helps students understand and summarize a group of numbers.

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SCIENCE

- Look at how different forces like gravity, friction, magnets, and pushes or pulls affect objects around you.
- Use simple drawings or objects to figure out if forces on something are balanced (no movement) or unbalanced (movement happens).
- Talk about pairs of forces that happen together and are equal but opposite, like when you push on a wall and it pushes back (Newton's Third Law).
- Compare different types of energy stored in objects (like stretched rubber bands or food) with energy of motion (kinetic energy).
- Explore how energy changes form or moves from one place to another in things like circuits, food chains, playground rides, or plants making food.
- Discuss how energy travels in waves, like light and sound, using simple examples of waves moving up and down or back and forth.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We are Learning:

- How the history of Europe shaped the modern world.
- How European governments are set up.
- What kinds of jobs and businesses make up Europe's economy.
- How Europe's location, land, and resources affect how people live.
- What caused the Holocaust, who it affected, & why we remember it.
- The history of Russia.
- How Russian and Eurasian governments have changed over time.
- What kind of economy Russia has today.
- How the land, climate, & natural resources shape life in Russia & nearby nations.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- How is my child adjusting to the independence required in middle school?
- Which subject(s) does my child seem most engaged with, and where do they need more support?
- How is my child managing multiple classes and assignments across subjects?
- What kind of learner is my child becoming – visual, hands-on, analytical?
- How does my child participate in class – do they ask questions, collaborate, or need encouragement?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?

Talk About What They're Learning

Ask questions that get them thinking deeply: "Why do you think that happened?" or "What evidence supports that?"

Encourage Healthy Social Skills

Friendships become more complex in 6th grade. Help your child practice empathy, kindness, and positive conflict resolution.

Model Stress-Management

Teach simple coping strategies like taking breaks, deep breathing, or writing down worries. Junior High can feel overwhelming—showing calm helps them stay grounded.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



ClassLink

The below tools are accessible through DISD's [ClassLink Portal](#). Click the ClassLink Icon to the left and login with Student ID and Password.



(Free Resource)



BEYOND ACADEMICS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Character Strong:

- Perseverance (January)
- Honesty (February)
- Cooperation (March)

Ways to Exhibit These Traits at Home:

- A child can show perseverance at home by finishing a difficult chore or homework task even when it takes extra time or effort.
- A child can show honesty at home by admitting to mistakes right away and telling the truth in all situations.
- A child can show cooperation at home by helping family members with shared tasks like cleaning, cooking, or organizing without being reminded.

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