

PARENT GUIDE TO

SEVENTH GRADE

Third Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

This grading period, seventh graders read a mix of informational texts, opinion pieces, and paired passages to understand how writers share and support their ideas.

Students will:

- Identify the author's main point and the reasons used to support it.
- Look closely at examples, facts, and details to decide whether the support is strong.
- Notice how an author's word choice and tone shape meaning.
- Compare two texts to see how different writers explain the same topic.
- Use what they read to write short responses that include a clear answer and evidence from the text.

MATH

In Module 4, Analyzing Populations and Probabilities, students will be learning about:

- probability and chance by using everyday objects like dice and spinners,
- how to predict what may happen in different scenarios,
- collect, display, and compare data from different groups, and
- how to draw conclusions about a larger population based on a small sample.

In Module 5, Constructing and Measuring, students will be:

- advancing their understanding of shapes and angles, learning how to solve puzzles (equations) involving the angles inside triangles,
- using the relationships between various pairs of angles like complementary and supplementary,
- moving into three-dimensional geometry, where they learn creative ways to calculate the surface area and volume of complex objects by breaking them down into simpler shapes like prisms and pyramids.

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SCIENCE

- Use the periodic table to find out what atoms are in a chemical formula and how many of each.
- Understand the difference between changes that only affect how something looks (physical) and changes that create new things (chemical).
- Talk about mixtures in water, like what dissolves (solute) and what does the dissolving (solvent), and how strong or weak the mixture is.
- Explore how things like temperature, how much surface is exposed, and stirring can make things dissolve faster in water.
- Identify and learn the main jobs of body systems like the heart and blood, lungs, bones, muscles, digestion, kidneys, reproduction, skin, nerves, immune system, and hormones.

SOCIAL STUDIES

This grading period, we are learning:

- Causes of the Civil War, including slavery and states' rights, and their impact on Texas.
- Important Civil War events in Texas and the impact of Reconstruction.
- Key figures such as Sam Houston and Quanah Parker.
- The expansion of the Texas frontier and conflicts with American Indian tribes.
- The growth of agriculture, Charles Goodnight, and the rise of cowboy culture.
- The influence of railroads and natural resources on Texas's economic and social development.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- What are some ways my child demonstrates critical thinking or problem-solving in your class?
- Are there any missing assignments, patterns in work habits, or academic behaviors I should be aware of?
- How is my child developing as a writer or communicator this semester?
- How does my child handle constructive feedback or academic challenges?
- Are there academic supports or enrichment opportunities they should take advantage of?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?

Support Academic Confidence

Talk through challenges without giving the answers. Praise effort, persistence, and improvement rather than perfection.

Connect Learning to Interests

Use their hobbies like sports, music, gaming, building, nature to make reading, math, and science meaningful and relevant.

Encourage Healthy Peer Choices

Peer pressure grows in 7th grade. Maintain open conversations about friendships, online behavior, and making safe, respectful decisions.

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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