

PARENT GUIDE TO

SEVENTH GRADE

Second Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

From mid-October to early December, seventh-grade students focus on informational texts, poetry, and drama.

- Talk about interesting news stories or science topics and ask, “What’s the main idea? What details prove it?”
- Point out text features (headings, charts, captions) in magazines or online articles and discuss how they help understanding.
- Listen to a favorite song together and ask about the message or theme—this builds poetry skills.
- Watch a TV show or movie and ask how a character’s choices affected the ending.
- Encourage your student to reread schoolwork aloud to check if every sentence sounds complete and clear.

MATH

MODULE 2 [Applying Proportionality](#), continued

- Your child will build a deeper understanding of managing money in real-life situations.
- They will focus on two topics: using ratios and proportional relationships, and learning about interest and budgeting.
- They will use what they already know about ratios to help with these new skills.

MODULE 3 [Reasoning Algebraically](#)

- Your child will build a stronger understanding of algebra.
- They will work with three main topics: using all types of numbers (positive, negative, fractions, decimals), solving two-step equations and inequalities, and showing equations in different ways.
- They will apply what they already know about numbers to these new skills.

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SCIENCE

- Find out how heat moves between things by touch or feeling warmth.
- Observe how warm and cool things change temperature until they feel the same (thermal equilibrium).
- Understand that temperature shows how fast tiny particles inside stuff are moving (kinetic energy.)
- Discuss how the movement of huge plates on the Earth causes mountains, earthquakes, volcanoes, and ocean basins.
- Talk about how people affect water on the Earth’s surface and underground, both good and bad.

SOCIAL STUDIES

During this grading period, students are studying the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and Statehood. Students will learn:

- Key events that led to the Texas Revolution.
- Battles, leaders, and turning points of the Revolution.
- Life in the Republic of Texas and early statehood.
- Why Texas joined the U.S.
- Effects of geography on key events in Texas history.
- Immigration and how it shaped Texas communities.
- Principles of Texas government.
- How the Texas Constitution compares to the U.S. Constitution.

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HOW CAN I HELP MY Exceptional Learner

Help Them Stay Organized

- Set up a quiet space with the tools they need — pens, notebooks, folders, and a planner.
- Check in weekly (not daily!) to review assignments or upcoming projects.
- Teach them how to use a calendar or checklist to manage due dates and priorities.

Support Their Social-Emotional Growth

- Junior High brings big emotions. Be a safe place to talk about frustrations or friendships.
- Teach problem-solving and coping skills — deep breathing, writing things down, or taking a break.
- Remind them that effort, not perfection, is the goal.

LOOKING AHEAD COLLEGE & CAREER

Build Real-World Skills Now

- Encourage responsibility: chores, managing time, turning in homework on time.
- Support soft skills like communication, teamwork, and perseverance.
- Help them see the connection between what they're learning and the real world

Explore Careers Without the Pressure

- Watch videos, visit local workplaces, or invite friends/family to share what they do for a living.
- Show your child that there are many paths to success — college, trade schools, certifications, military service, entrepreneurship, etc.

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:

- Responsibility (October)
- Gratitude (November)
- Empathy (December)

By 7th grade, kids crave more control over their lives. One powerful way to teach responsibility is to **include them in creating rules and consequences** —especially for things like screen time, curfews, or schoolwork.

Instead of just enforcing rules, have a calm discussion:

- Ask, “What do you think a fair rule is for phone use on school nights?”
- Work together to set expectations and agree on what happens if the rules are broken.

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