

PARENT GUIDE TO

SEVENTH GRADE

Fourth Nine Weeks

READING LANGUAGE ARTS

This grading period, students strengthen key reading and writing skills. They will practice writing clear responses, using text evidence, and improving sentence clarity. Students will read engaging texts and explore themes that will guide a short research project.

Students will:

- Write clear responses that include a claim and evidence.
- Organize ideas with strong reasons and explanations.
- Revise sentences to make writing smoother and more precise.
- Identify an author's claim, evidence, and perspective.
- Read new texts, identify themes, and use those themes to explore research topics.

MATH

MODULE 5

Constructing and Measuring

- Students will work with angle relationships/facts such as: vertical angles (opposite angles that are equal) and complementary/supplementary angles (angles that add up to 90 degrees/right angle and 180 degrees/straight line)
- Students will use algebra to find missing angles (If two angles are complementary and one is 40, what is x?).
- Students will also be calculating surface area and volume during this module.

[Grade 7 Bluebonnet Learning, Family Guide](#)

SCIENCE

- Understand how energy moves through different levels in nature and how less energy is available at each level.
- Talk about how ecosystems keep going by constantly moving energy and recycling matter and nutrients.
- Learn the difference between asexual and sexual reproduction in plants and animals, and how this affects the variety of offspring and changes in populations over time.
- Explore how natural and human-made selection can change which traits appear more often in a group of living things over many generations.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Explain how the Great Depression and Dust Bowl affected Texas.
- Explain how Texas contributed to and was changed by World War II.
- Describe how Texas's population has changed over time.
- Explain how civil rights movements shaped equality and justice in Texas.
- Summarize how the Conservative Movement influenced Texas politics and society.
- Describe how the Texas economy has grown into today's industries.
- Explain how Texas government works and how citizens participate.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- Is my child showing the readiness, motivation, and mindset for 8th grade success?
- How does my child contribute to the learning environment or classroom community?
- What skills will be especially important as they move into their final year of middle school?
- Are there any summer activities or resources that can help my child explore academic interests?
- How can we use the summer to balance rest, responsibility, and academic review?

LOOKING AHEAD

Preparing for Eighth Grade

Eighth grade is the final step before high school, making this a key transition year. Help your child get ready by:

Building strong academic habits. Regularly reviewing notes, keeping up with long-term projects, and using checklists can boost success.

Practicing self-discipline. Encourage them to take responsibility for completing work on time, checking grades, and communicating with teachers.

Strengthening reading and writing skills. 8th grade includes more complex texts and higher expectations for written responses.

Discussing future planning. Start conversations about high school pathways, interests, and goals.

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:

- Cooperation (March)
- Courage (April)
- Creativity (May)

Cooperation means working together to reach a common goal, even when tasks feel challenging or opinions differ. Students learn how to listen, share ideas, and respect others' strengths.

Courage isn't just about being brave in big moments—it's also about speaking up, trying new things, and doing what's right even when it's difficult. Students learn that courage can look quiet or bold, and that mistakes are part of growing.

Creativity is the practice of thinking in new ways, solving problems with imagination, and expressing ideas through art, writing, design, or innovation.

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