

Grade 6 Parent Writing Tips and Strategies

- Encourage your child to share his/her writing with you or your family members at home.
- Comment with specificity. Post writing and comment on it with specifics. “I enjoyed the sensory words here.” “I loved the unique idea in your paper!” “This was so organized I could easily follow your logic.” “Your evidence was very strong.”
- Write at home regularly. Keep a journal, use a grocery list, write letters and thank you notes to special people so that you model writing for your child.
- Ask your child to read the school lunch menu, and have your child make his/her own lunch choices in writing.
- Ask your child to write his/her own notes (bus notes to the school office) before you sign them.
- Encourage your child to talk about upcoming writing assignments.
- Our big request – have your child practice writing arguments. He might argue on behalf of a new pet, a vacation, the opportunity to watch a television show, see a movie, go on a family outing or sleepover, be granted a privilege, or express an idea.
- Plan dinner menus together and ask your child to record what is needed for the meal.
- Have your child tell his/her teachers what you do at home to encourage writing.
- Celebrate your child’s progress in this lifelong craft!