

Parent Guide to Grade 6 Standards



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WRITING

What should my child learn in Grade 6?

Write Widely and Often

- Write clearly and effectively based on purpose for writing and audience, utilizing the steps of the writing process in a recursive way to strengthen and extend composition, adding ideas and suggestions from peers and teachers.
- Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- Write expository texts on a topic in an organized way with facts, examples, and quotes.
- Write narratives that have a sequence of events, a narrator, a vivid setting, and developed characters.
- Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

Research

- Use research from several credible sources, including print and digital, to answer a question.
- Incorporate information from sources by summarizing and paraphrasing to avoid plagiarism.
- Draw conclusions from literary and informational texts to support your research, analysis, and reflections.

How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- Provide time and space for your child to practice writing (free from distractions).
- Provide opportunities for your child to write for real purposes and audiences (e.g., co-write grocery lists, celebration invitations, etc.).
- Allow your child to see you engage in the act and art of writing.
- Display and celebrate your child's writing.
- Encourage your child to take part in a writing contest. Many different writing contests happen at all times of the year.
- Read like a writer. As you read to your child and/or your child reads to you, point out aspects of the author's word choice, style, and technique that you enjoy and believe to be effective.



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The MPS Ambitious Instruction Plan strengthens core instruction and builds a strong foundation across academic areas with a focus on mastery of **reading, writing, and mathematics** skills.