

***Washoe County School
District***

***Supplemental Family
Guides to Learning
At Home***

Sixth Grade

***Activities to support your
child with the standards***



English Language Arts

- Talk about what they are reading and/or writing with questions such as: “Who is the audience for this piece of writing?” “What is this piece of writing?” “Why did the author write this piece?”
- Include your child in conversations at adult gatherings, such as a meal with friends, informational lectures, and entertainment events.
- Read a text together that has important family or religious significance.
- Encourage your child to write daily at home for fun and reflection. Daily writing prepares students for longer pieces of writing by exercising writing muscles.
- Encourage your child to find and use online information when researching topics for school or personal interest.
- Encourage your child to create digital content, and share it with friends and family through tools like a family blog, and ask relatives to post comments.
- If you use social networking sites, consider creating collaborative posts with your child to help them understand appropriate online language and behaviors.

Mathematics

- With your child, search for examples of fractions, decimals and percent in the newspaper, magazines, on the radio and on the television.
- Determine the best value per ounce of various items at the store.
- When you discover an interesting shape as you walk or drive through your neighborhood, discuss with your child whether it is a polygon.
- Encourage your child to use his/her knowledge of area and perimeter in everyday situations. For example, ask your child to measure the perimeter of your living room or the area of your kitchen table.
- Together, look for examples of how data are used in magazines, newspapers and on the television.
- Encourage your child to use digital tools and apps that support development of mathematical concepts and skills.

Social Studies

- Read primary source documents related to historical events, including those found online.
- Discuss the importance of culture and how it impacts history.
- Examine the culture of your family.
- Study the important geographical features around the world, using print and digital resources.
- Discuss appreciation and understanding of other cultures within the community.
- Watch and discuss the world news, and use social media and online tools to monitor events.

Science

- Encourage your child to observe, ask questions, experiment, find information online, and seek their own understandings of natural and human-made phenomena around them.
- Find a print or digital article about a scientific discovery and summarize what it tells you.
- Ask questions to link material learned in science class to real-world scenarios. Why does ice float? Why do astronauts weigh less on the moon? Why is asphalt hotter than concrete on a summer day?