Washoe County School District
Supplemental Family Guides to Learning
At Home

Seventh Grade

Activities to support your child with the standards
**English Language Arts**

- Help your child reflect on and focus learning by asking the following questions:
  What did you learn today? What texts did you read, discuss, and respond to in writing? What strategies did you use during your reading, discussing, and writing?
  What did you learn today that will help you succeed on the upcoming test, paper, etc.? What do you still need to practice?
- Share articles or current events from national news organizations online or in newspapers or magazines, and ask your child about his/her opinions. Ask your child to find facts from the articles to support his/her opinions.
- Have your child find information on the Internet related to what they are learning in school.
- Encourage your child to create digital content, share it with friends and family through tools like 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**

- Have your child measure the lengths of the sides of a room in your house and then figure out the perimeter and area of the room. Your child also can measure a different room and compare the perimeters and areas of the two rooms.
- Look for opportunities in everyday life to use large numbers with your child. For example, compare the costs of different models of cars advertised in the newspaper or compare the population of Reno with a city of a relative or friend.
- Look for percents in sales at local stores. Have your child figure out how much you would save on a sale item. Have your child find the tip amount on the price of the meal.
- Add or subtract dollars and cents to use decimals in everyday life.
• Look for situations in everyday life that use both positive and negative numbers, fractions and decimals.
• Encourage your child to use digital tools and apps that support development of mathematical concepts and skills.

**Social Studies**

• Use maps while traveling and practice giving directions.
• Discuss the importance of culture and how it impacts history.
• Discuss current events and historical reasons for the emergence of these events.
• Examine the culture of your family.
• Study important geographic features around the world.
• Attend different cultural events in the community.
• Read primary source and secondary source documents related to historical events.
• Read the newspaper and discuss political cartoons.
• Explore museums (in person or online) related to Nevada and U.S. history.
• Explore Nevada historical and popular tourist sites either in person or online.
• Discuss the importance of voting and civic participation.
• Study the founding documents of American history.
• Discuss the sources of information you use to form an opinion or make a claim.
• Discuss the importance of making a claim, using evidence and reasoning to make the argument.
• Connect your family history to historical events discussed in class.
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.
- With your child, read an online or print article about a scientific discovery and summarize what it tells you.
- Discuss family genetics, what is the same and different between parents and siblings.
- Talk about recycling and how it can help our environment.