

Your sixth grader's success begins with you.

Along with your child's teachers, you play the most important role in his education. Find out what your child is learning this year and how you can make education a top priority at home.



What is my child learning this year?

Below are some of the key things your child will be learning this year. Use this list with your child's teacher to set goals and to make sure he is on track to succeed.

English Language Arts & Literacy

- + Locate and use specific organizational features in different types of text and explain why and how they are used in different types of text (for example: tables of contents, headings, captions, glossary, and footnotes).
- + Read closely (carefully) to find main ideas and supporting details in a variety of texts.
- + Identify and explain how authors use different types of arguments for different purposes and for different types of audiences.
- + Write clear and coherent texts that address a variety of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- + Analyze the key elements of a story, including setting, characters, and plot. Discuss the character's motivation and the progression of the plot.

Mathematics

- + Use the meaning of fractions, multiplication, and division, and the relationship between multiplication and division to understand and explain why the procedures for dividing fractions make sense.
- + Extend previous understanding of numbers and the ordering of numbers to the full system of rational numbers (any number that can be written in fraction form) including negative numbers.
- + Understand the concept of ratio and unit rate and solve real-world problems involving ratio and rate.
- + Understand the use of variables (an alphabetic character representing a number) in mathematical expressions and equations.

Fun activities to do at home

Have your child write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about an article or issue he feels passionate about. Ask him to clearly explain his position on the particular topic and make sure he uses credible evidence to support it.

Encourage your child to keep a journal to practice writing skills.

Encourage your child to read different types of text that interests him, both fiction and non-fiction (for example: biographies, newspapers, magazines, or how-to books).

Have your child estimate how much gas will cost using a word problem, such as: How much will we spend on gas if we are driving from Phoenix to Tucson (116 miles), gas costs \$3.39 per gallon, and our car gets 30 miles to the gallon.

Have discussions with your child about the difference between credits and debits. This can be done using household bills, your child's allowance, or his own spending habits.

Note: Every child develops at his/her own pace. These expectations are based on Arizona's current academic standards that students should master by the end of each school year.

If you have specific questions about the grade level standards, please contact your child's teacher. A full list of academic standards is available at ArizonaAimsHigher.org.