

6th Grade:
A Whole New World



Your child will form habits that he will carry throughout his adult life!

PHYSICAL

Send your pre-teen to school with a good breakfast and a healthy lunch! We also recommend 8-10 hours of sleep each night!

INTELLECTUAL

6th graders are learning to schedule their time and organize their lives. Encourage good study habits. **Set guidelines on video games, TV, and online activities.**

EMOTIONAL

Your pre-teen will experience a growing set of feelings and emotions this year. Moodiness, unexpected shyness, extreme extroversion, or feelings of inadequacy *could* occur. **This is normal---**help them through it!

We encourage parents to reassure your young person often. Tell him that he looks great just the way God made him! Remind him that he can be successful if he works hard. Build him up every day!

TALK ABOUT TOUGH ISSUES

Discuss bullying, peer pressure, and good (*and bad*) behavior! ***Does your adolescent know what behavior would disappoint you?*** We have found that many times a young teen will **RETHINK** bad behavior if he knows that there are consequences at home as well as at school.

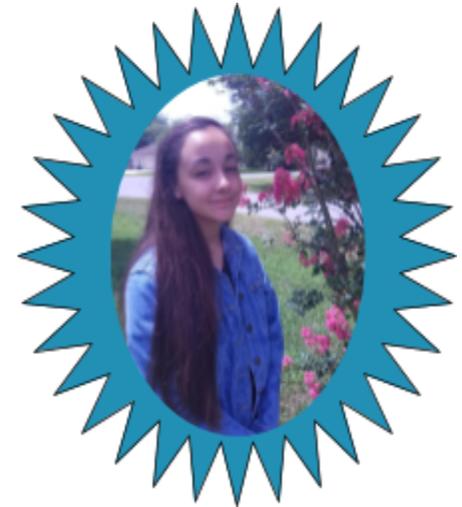
Please be available to listen and answer questions that your young person will have. Spend quality time with your child.



Parent Involvement Guide

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It's a 6th GRADE Thing



"We don't just meet a standard of acceptance, we strive for excellence!"

***-Pastor Andy Bloom,
President of OCA***

Welcome to Grade 6

Sixth graders are starting a journey that will influence the rest of their lives.



In this guide you will find information that will help your child be successful this year!



- Hints to build English and Math at home
- Homework tips
- Ways for you to provide guidance
- Information on the physical, intellectual and emotional growth

Your involvement and support are key to your pre teen's success!

Language Arts

Sixth graders will read fiction and non-fiction, dive deeply into the 8 parts of Speech, and will learn how to write good narratives and reports.

Ways you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to read independently.
OR
Have family reading time.
OR
Buy an audiobook!
- Come up with interesting questions, motivating your young person to find the answer online!
- Support all kinds of writing.
 - Teach him to write thank you notes.
- Buy him a journal to write his thoughts of the day.
- Be the example! Let him see you reading a magazine, the Bible, and different kinds of books!



Math

In the 6th grade, students will jump into deeper mastery, using their math skills to solve multi-step problems. Students will practice thinking, processing, and decision making.



Ways you can help at home:

- In the kitchen, help them to determine how to alter a recipe's ingredients to adjust servings
- In the car, determine how many miles your car gets to the gallon
- In the pantry, decide which item is a better value. Is "bulk" always cheaper?
- In a restaurant, calculate the tip together, explaining percentages



- **Same time, same place, and every day**

Children love routine. Teach him to attack homework in the same spot each day.

- **Homework folder**

We have found that successful students keep all of their homework in ONE folder. All subjects and all assignments are neatly organized in one spot.

- **Final Check**

Teach your child to show you the finished product before bedtime! No stress!