

GRADE 6 ENGLISH/READING & WRITING

Up until sixth grade, your child has focused a great deal on learning to read and write well - now it's time to put those skills to good use. In sixth grade, your child will use his/her reading and writing skills to tackle more challenging topics. In addition, speech will be added to the curriculum. Use this checklist to make sure by the end of the year your child has covered important English/reading and writing material.

READING

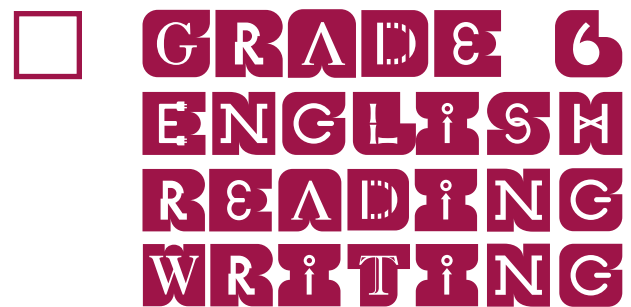
- Explore many different types of literature, including biographies and fiction
- Check out and read books from the library based on his/her interests
- Read books covering topics s/he is learning about in other subject areas, such as Greek mythology
- Compare and contrast various accounts of an event that s/he reads
- Analyze how chapters in a book or scenes in a play contribute to the work's overall theme

SPEECH

- Tell his/her own stories and retell those that s/he has read
- Participate in a discussion about topics learned in class
- Appear in a play or participate in an oral reading of a script
- Read published poems or his/her own writings aloud
- Give a speech about a topic of interest
- Examine cultural differences in language, such as the use of different dialects

WRITING

- Write his/her own myths and stories with morals
- Write every day, whether in a journal, letter or poem
- Participate in writing workshops, reviewing and discussing his/her work with peers
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in his/her own writing and that of others
- Write autobiographical stories that include personal reflections
- Correctly use common writing conventions, including punctuation and verb tenses
- Learn how to write dialogue, such as that found in a play
- Become familiar with different types of writing, such as narrative, persuasive and descriptive forms
- Write an argument using clear reasoning and examples from credible sources
- Write a short report on a topic of interest



There's lots to cover in sixth grade English, but you can help your child succeed by encouraging him/her to read and write daily and engaging him/her in conversation about topics of interest during family dinners.