

What Your Child Will Learn in Sixth Grade

Grade 6 Learning Guide

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A guide to the skills typically taught and practiced during sixth grade.

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Reading & Literature

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Read and comprehend grade-level texts with fluency
- Analyze theme, main idea, and key details
- Cite textual evidence to support understanding
- Compare and contrast multiple texts and perspectives
- Analyze how authors develop characters and plot
- Identify and analyze genre (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama)
- Summarize and synthesize information from multiple sources
- Evaluate the author's purpose, point of view, and bias
- Interpret figurative language, symbolism, and tone
- Make connections between texts and real life

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Writing

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Write clear, organized multi-paragraph essays
- Write arguments with reasons and evidence
- Write informative/explanatory texts with facts and details
- Write narratives with a clear structure, dialogue, and detail
- Use precise vocabulary and varied sentence structure
- Organize ideas with an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
- Revise and edit writing for clarity, effectiveness, and style
- Conduct short research projects and use reliable sources
- Paraphrase, summarize, and avoid plagiarism

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Vocabulary & Language

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- Use Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes
- Determine word meaning from context clues
- Use and interpret figurative language (similes, metaphors, idioms)
- Recognize connotative and denotative meanings
- Build academic and domain-specific vocabulary
- Use and understand parts of speech in context
- Use correct pronoun case and agreement (subject, object)
- Use and diagram complex and compound sentences
- Use correct punctuation (commas, semicolons, colons, etc.)
- Improve and vary sentence structure for clarity and effect

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Grammar & Mechanics

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- Identify and use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Use verb tenses correctly and consistently
- Use subject-verb and pronoun agreement
- Use and punctuate direct and indirect quotations
- Use commas, semicolons, and colons correctly
- Recognize and correct run-on and fragment sentences
- Use parallel structure
- Recognize and use complex sentence types
- Use grade-level vocabulary and word choice
- Edit writing for grammar, usage, and mechanics

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Mathematics

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- Understand and use ratios and unit rates
- Solve percent problems (including real-world applications)
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide multi-digit decimals
- Find greatest common factor (GCF) and least common multiple (LCM)
- Understand and use positive and negative numbers
- Write, evaluate, and simplify algebraic expressions
- Solve one-step and two-step equations and inequalities
- Use order of operations (PEMDAS)
- Find area of triangles and other polygons
- Find volume of rectangular prisms (and composite figures)
- Plot and interpret points on a coordinate plane (four quadrants)
- Use statistical measures (mean, median, mode, range, variability)
- Represent and interpret data using graphs, tables, and charts

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Social Studies

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- Use map skills, geography, and world regions
- Study ancient civilizations and early world history
- Learn about the history and development of the United States
- Understand government, rights, and civic responsibilities
- Explore economics, trade, and resources
- Examine cultures, communities, and global interconnections
- Analyze historical sources and primary documents
- Evaluate multiple perspectives on historical events
- Develop informed opinions and support with evidence

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Science

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- Understand the scientific method
- Explore matter and its properties (solids, liquids, gases)
- Investigate changes in matter (physical and chemical)
- Learn about cells and body systems
- Explore ecosystems, food webs, and biodiversity
- Understand energy and energy transfer
- Learn about Earth's systems (rocks, water, weather, climate)
- Explore the Sun, Earth, moon, and stars
- Investigate forces and motion (including gravity)
- Use evidence to draw conclusions
- Design and conduct simple investigations
- Explore real-world applications of science and technology

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Learning Habits & Life Skills

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- Follow multi-step directions
- Stay organized and manage time
- Work independently and ask for help when needed
- Take responsibility for their work
- Show kindness, respect, and good citizenship
- Work cooperatively with others
- Express ideas clearly and listen to others
- Solve problems and make good choices
- Handle frustration and keep a positive attitude
- Set goals and recognize their own progress

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- Explore different art mediums (drawing, painting, mixed media)
- Use elements of art (line, shape, color, value, texture, space)
- Apply art principles (balance, contrast, rhythm, emphasis)
- Create original artwork and explain artistic choices
- Learn about famous artists and art history
- Explore digital art and design tools (optional)
- Participate in group and individual art projects
- Show care, persistence, and pride in completing artwork
- Present and discuss artwork with confidence

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Music

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- Explore rhythm, melody, and harmony
- Read and write basic music notation
- Play an instrument or participate in vocal music
- Understand musical terms and symbols
- Explore different music genres and cultures
- Listen to and analyze a variety of musical styles
- Create and perform simple musical compositions
- Use technology for music creation (optional)
- Work collaboratively in group music activities
- Show respect for self and others during performances

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Physical Education

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- Develop strength, flexibility, and endurance
- Participate in individual and team activities
- Learn and apply rules, strategies, and good sportsmanship
- Improve coordination and motor skills
- Explore lifetime fitness activities (walking, hiking, cycling, etc.)
- Set and work toward personal fitness goals
- Understand the importance of regular physical activity
- Make safe and healthy choices during physical activities
- Show respect, responsibility, and cooperation with others

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Health & Wellness

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Understand personal hygiene and self-care
- Learn about nutrition and making healthy food choices
- Understand changes during puberty (age-appropriate)
- Recognize and manage emotions and stress
- Learn about mental health and when to seek help
- Practice good decision-making and problem-solving
- Understand the effects of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco
- Learn about personal safety (online and offline)
- Build positive relationships and show respect for others
- Develop healthy sleep habits and screen time balance

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Technology & Digital Skills

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- Use a keyboard efficiently for typing and editing
- Create, edit, and format documents, presentations, and spreadsheets
- Conduct online research using reliable sources
- Evaluate the credibility of information (fact vs. opinion)
- Use digital tools for learning, creativity, and organization
- Understand basic coding or computer programming (optional)
- Use email and online communication appropriately
- Understand online safety and responsible digital citizenship
- Troubleshoot simple tech problems and ask for help when needed
- Create and responsibly use digital media (images, video, audio)

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Research & Study Skills

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- Develop a research question and plan an inquiry
- Find, evaluate, and cite reliable information from multiple sources
- Take effective notes using note-taking strategies
- Create outlines and organize ideas logically
- Write a research report with proper citations (simple format)
- Create and deliver an oral presentation
- Use charts, graphs, and visuals to share information
- Manage time and meet project deadlines
- Reflect on what was learned and set goals for improvement
- Use study strategies for long-term retention

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Character & Citizenship

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Show kindness, empathy, and respect for others
- Work cooperatively in groups and accept different perspectives
- Take responsibility for actions and follow through on commitments
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- Understand and respect rules, laws, and consequences
- Get involved in service or volunteer work
- Show respect for people, animals, and the environment
- Make thoughtful choices and solve conflicts peacefully
- Be a positive role model and contribute to a supportive community
- Learn and practice good citizenship

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Life Skills & Independent Living

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- Stay organized with a planner or digital calendar
- Keep track of assignments and long-term projects
- Manage time and balance school, activities, and home life
- Learn basic money management (budgeting, saving, spending)
- Help with household chores and responsibilities
- Plan and prepare simple meals and snacks
- Take care of personal belongings and school materials
- Develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- Learn basic first aid and emergency preparedness
- Build confidence and independence

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