



6th Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great sixth grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



1. Encourage a love of reading.

Visit the library often and help your child find books from different genres to read for pleasure (mysteries, science fiction, biographies, adventure).



2. Learn math from your child.

Have your child make up problems for you to solve—and then have your child explain how to solve them.



3. Help your child stay on track.

Encourage your child to use a planner to write down assignments, tests, quizzes, and anything else they need to remember.



4. Monitor homework.

Make homework a part of the regular daily routine. Be interested and supportive, but insist that homework be your child's responsibility.



5. Help your child stay organized.

Help your child create a system for organizing papers so that there's a specific place (folder or binder) for every paper.



6. Make attendance a priority.

Attendance is the #1 school success factor. Make sure your child is in school, on-time, every day.



7. Get to know your child's friends.

Invite your child's friends into your home, and be available to drive them to various activities. You'll learn a great deal just by listening to them.



8. Be in the know.

When your child leaves home, know who they will be with, where they are going, and what they'll be doing. Require your child to check in often.



9. Monitor screen time.

As children get older, it becomes more difficult to monitor their TV, video games, and online activities. Sixth graders nevertheless need their parents to provide technology limits and guidelines.



10. Provide support.

Spend time with your child to help them develop a strong sense of self, and provide your child with a loving, stable home environment.

Helping your child have a successful year doesn't require doing extraordinary things. It's the little things you do each day that provide the guidance and support your child needs.