# **Parent Resource Tool**

2017 Confidential Student Report

# Reading

Strategies to improve your child's grade 6 reading understanding



#### **Understanding/Analysis Across Genres**

Anytime your child reads a text or watches a movie, have him/her connect it back to something else he/she has read or done. You might ask, "What does that make you think of? Have you read anything else like that?" This type of questioning will help build your child's capacity for making connections across and within texts.



#### Understanding/Analysis of Literary Texts

- Set aside "electronic-free" time in which everyone in your home reads regularly, either a print or digital book.
   Talk about how the plots in your books are developing, new words you have learned while reading, and about the character's development.
- Give your child a challenge: You are going to use hyperbole and personification in everyday language. It's his/her job to point it out when you use it. For example, you might say, "I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse!" Using them in everyday language will help your child internalize the concept when he/she sees it in a text.



#### **Understanding/Analysis of Informational Texts**

After watching a movie or television show, have your child write and draw the program from beginning to end.



#### Writing Composition, Revision and Editing

Writing is not assessed for this reporting category in grade 6. However, your child should still practice writing at home and in school often. Make writing a regular part of his/her routine. For example, your child can write short stories and read them aloud. Your child can also write letters or emails to friends and family.

## **Mathematics**

Strategies to improve your child's grade 6 math understanding



#### Numerical Representations and Relationships

- When in a store with your child, ask him/her to consider sale prices he/she may see in common terms (such as half off or 25% off) in fraction form or percentage or decimal.
- Ask your child to estimate how long a repetitive task may take. For example, if your child is able to sign four cards in one minute, how many cards might be signed in one hour?



#### Computations and Algebraic Relationships

 Have your child track things that grow or shrink day by day. For example, your child could track how far someone has run or walked, the height of a tomato plant, or how many times people would need to brush their teeth between now and the end of the school year.



#### **Geometry and Measurement**

- If building or creating things with your child, ask him/her to convert feet to inches.
- Use tangrams. An explanation and tangram puzzles can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/tangram.html">https://www.mathsisfun.com/definitions/tangram.html</a>.



#### Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy

Have your child collect data and then ask questions about the data collected, including the average, median, and mode.

#### **Meeting with Your Child's Teacher**

#### Things to do before the conference:

- Check your child's grades and relevant test scores.
- · Ask your child if there are any questions he/she would like you to ask the teacher.
- Write down any special notes you want to make sure to mention that could impact your child at school (ex. major changes at home, special interests, allergies, etc.).
- Talk to any other parents, guardians, or caregivers about questions they would like to have asked.
- Pre-write your questions so you don't forget any, and make sure to bring a way to take notes!

#### Sample questions you can ask your teacher:

- · Is my child reading at or above grade level?
- What can I do at home to help my child be better at mathematics?
- What does my child seem to be the most interested in at school?
- Does my child have good friends in class and at school?
- · What is the most important thing that I can be doing to prepare my child for middle school?
- · How much time should my child be spending on your class per night?
- Are there any extracurricular activities that you think my child would be interested in that they offer at this school?



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# **STAAR Results**

TATE OF TEXAS ASSESSMENTS OF ACADEMIC READINESS



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#### **About the STAAR Test**

Your child took the STAAR in Spring 2017. This test asks students to answer questions that measure the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for college or a career. If you have questions about this report, please talk to your child's teacher or principal, or learn more by visiting www.texasassessment.com.



#### What the Results Mean

This report shows how well your child did on the assessment. There are 4 levels of proficiency.



Students who meet or exceed grade

level by high school graduation have

more than a 60% chance of passing

increasing their lifetime earnings and

their college classes, substantially

prospects for success. This report

is intended to give you information

on how well your child learned this

year's academic material in school

and how you can help them learn

even more.

#### MASTERS GRADE LEVEL

Mastery of the course knowledge and skills is shown — student is on-track for college and career readiness.



#### **MEETS GRADE LEVEL**

Strong knowledge of course content
— student is prepared to progress to
the next grade.



#### APPROACHES GRADE LEVEL

Some knowledge of course content, but may be missing critical elements — student needs additional support in the coming year.



#### **DID NOT MEET GRADE LEVEL**

No basic understanding of course expectations is shown — student may need significant support in the coming year.



From The Commissioner

Tests are a part of life. Our kids will

take tests to get a driver's license,

to get into college, and even to get

certain jobs. As a parent of two

myself. I know that no one test

can tell me everything about my

been designed to provide useful

information about how much our

children have learned academically

and how well prepared they are for

what comes next.

children. But the STAAR tests have



#### **VVVVVVVVVVVV P Scenario6**

**Enrolled Grade:** 6

Date of Birth: 01/01/05 Student ID: \*\*\*\*\*\*1086 Local Student ID: 12375 District: 257999 ZY CRUSE ISD



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					TOTAL		30 of 40	

Mathematics	Test Date: Spring 2017	••••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	60th
Approaches	SCORE 1580		CATEGORY ANSWERED  1. Numerical Representations and Relationships 2. Computations and Algebraic Relationships	PERCENTILE  Your child scored the same or	
D	Did Not Meet	Meets Masters 653-1771) (1772-2188)	Geometry and Measurement     Data Analysis and Personal Financial Literacy  TOTAL	3 of 6	better than 60% of all



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# **Growth:** From Previous Year

#### **VVVVVVVVVVVV P Scenario6**

Campus: 041YIPPEE J H Class Group: SEC FIVE NINE Report Date: JUNE 2017 Date of Testing: SPRING 2017

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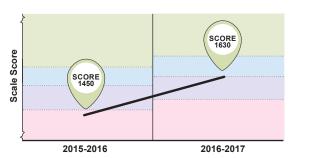
#### **Mathematics**

#### **Accelerated Growth**

Your Child Showed Accelerated Growth For 1 Year of Instruction

#### **Expected Growth**

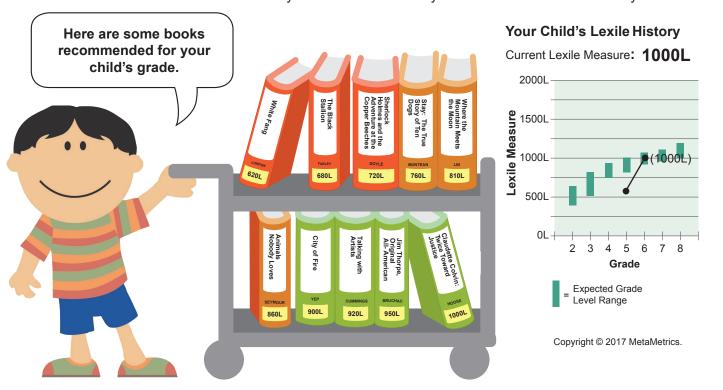
Your Child Showed Expected Growth
For 1 Year of Instruction





# Your Child's Reading Measure History (Lexile® Measure)

The Lexile measure indicates the difficulty of the materials that your child can read successfully.





#### Learn More About Your Child's Lexile® Level

Visit www.texasassessment.com for more information about your child's reading level history.

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