**Grade 6 – Understanding Your Child's Performance:** Below is a summary of skills and knowledge students must demonstrate to achieve each performance level. A student should demonstrate mastery of knowledge and skills within his/her achievement level *as well as* all content and skills that precede it. For example, a Proficient Learner should also possess the knowledge and skills of a Developing Learner *and* a Beginning Learner.

| | Beginning Learner | Developing Learner | Proficient Learner | Distinguished Learner |
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| **English Language Arts** | In general, your child can:<br>• determine a theme or central idea and provide a limited summary of below-grade-level text<br>• write simple narrative, argumentative, and informative/explanatory pieces using minimally relevant ideas, reasons, evidence, or details<br>• conduct basic research projects to answer simple questions | In general, your child can:<br>• describe a theme or central idea and summarize near-grade-level text<br>• write argumentative and informative/explanatory pieces, clarifying relationships between effective claims, reasons, ideas, and concepts<br>• write narrative pieces using some effective techniques and details<br>• conduct basic research projects utilizing several sources | In general, your child can:<br>• determine a theme or central idea and summarize grade-level text<br>• write argumentative and informative/explanatory pieces that provide conclusions in support of the arguments, information, or explanations presented while establishing and maintaining a formal style<br>• write narrative pieces using effective techniques, descriptive details, and a naturally unfolding event sequence<br>• conduct short research projects, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate | In general, your child can:<br>• analyze a theme or central idea and provide objective summaries of complex, above-grade-level text<br>• write argumentative pieces with strong relationships among precise claims and reasons<br>• write informative/explanatory pieces using highly relevant content to convey complex ideas and information<br>• write narrative pieces using highly effective techniques<br>• conduct short research projects to answer complex questions using high-quality sources |
| **Mathematics** | In general, your child can:<br>• identify ratios as fractions, percentages, and rates<br>• order positive numbers on a number line<br>• identify common multiples<br>• read and write expressions with variables<br>• add, subtract, and multiply multidigit numbers<br>• identify points in the first quadrant<br>• solve word problems to find the area of rectangles and the surface area and volume of cubes<br>• display data in line plots and histograms | In general, your child can:<br>• identify ratios as equivalent fractions<br>• divide fractions using visual models<br>• fluently add, subtract, and multiply whole numbers<br>• identify common factors and multiples of two numbers<br>• order positive and negative numbers using a number line<br>• read, write, and evaluate expressions with variables<br>• solve one-step equations<br>• solve word problems to find the area of rectangles and triangles and the surface area and volume of prisms<br>• identify 3-D figures represented as nets<br>• create box plots | In general, your child can:<br>• understand ratios as numerical comparisons<br>• divide with decimals<br>• divide fractions by fractions<br>• find least common multiples and greatest common factors<br>• order rational numbers<br>• plot points in all four quadrants<br>• evaluate expressions with variables and exponents<br>• write simple inequalities<br>• solve word problems involving area, surface area, and volume<br>• find the length of the sides of a polygon in the coordinate plane<br>• relate measures of center and measures of spread | In general, your child can:<br>• use ratio and proportional reasoning to solve problems<br>• divide fractions by decimals and fractions<br>• analyze multidigit computation in real-world contexts<br>• compare expressions with variables and exponents<br>• interpret expressions, equations, and inequalities in real-world contexts<br>• solve multistep, real-world problems with polygon areas and volume of 3-D figures<br>• determine and explain the appropriate measure of center or variability based on the shape of data and the context of the problem |