

## Gentle Grammar & Writing Checklist – Grade 6


*A guide for parents to review writing together with encouragement and grace.*

In sixth grade, your child is developing their writing voice and learning how to express thoughts with clarity and detail. Encourage thoughtful revision over quick correction.

### **Basic Review:**

- Read the writing aloud and ask, “Does this make sense to someone else?”
- Check for complete sentences and proper use of punctuation, especially commas.
- Look at paragraph structure—do they have clear topic sentences and supporting details?
- Watch for consistency in verb tense and point of view.
- Notice transitions between ideas and paragraphs.
- Scan for frequently misspelled words they’ve already learned.

### **Gentle Growth Ideas:**

- Suggest ways to vary sentence structure and word choice.
  - Encourage deeper explanations or examples when ideas feel too brief.
  - Discuss the tone and whether it matches the purpose (storytelling, persuasive, reflective).
  - Ask open-ended questions like, “What do you want the reader to feel or think?”
  - Compliment improvements in voice, organization, or creativity.
-  **Grade 6 is about writing that connects with a reader—through voice, clarity, and structure.**