## Parent Letter

Dear Sixth Grade Families,
In Unit 3, students will work on the following sixth grade Common Core standards in the Number System (NS) and Geometry (G) domains.

| 6.NS.6 | Understand a rational number as a point on the number line. Extend number line <br> diagrams and coordinate axes familiar from previous grades to represent points on <br> the line and in the plane with negative number coordinates. <br> a. Recognize opposite signs of numbers as indicating locations on opposite sides of <br> 0 on the number line; recognize that the opposite of the opposite of a number is <br> the number itself, e.g., -(-3) = 3, and that 0 is its own opposite. <br> b.Understand signs of numbers in ordered pairs as indicating locations in <br> quadrants of the coordinate plane; recognize that when two ordered pairs differ <br> only by signs, the locations of the points are related by reflections across one or <br> both axes. <br> c. Find and position integers and other rational numbers on a horizontal or vertical <br> number line diagram; find and position pairs of integers and other rational <br> numbers on a coordinate plane. <br> 6.NS.8 <br> Solve real-world and mathematical problems by graphing points in all four <br> quadrants of the coordinate plane. Include use of coordinates and absolute value to <br> find distances between points with the same first coordinate or the same second <br> coordinate. <br> 6.G.3 <br> Draw polygons in the coordinate plane given coordinates for the vertices; use <br> coordinates to find the length of a side joining points with the same first coordinate <br> or the same second coordinate. Apply these techniques in the context of solving real <br> -world and mathematical problems. |
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## Unit 3 Concepts related to the Coordinate Plane:

- Ordered Pairs
- Quadrants
- Symmetry
- Rational Numbers
- Absolute Value
- Polygons


We encourage you to talk with your child daily about what was learned in math class.
Thank you for your support!

## Unit 3 Vocabulary:

- Coordinate plane
- Ordered pair
- Origin
- Quadrant
- Symmetry
- Reflection
- Range
- Scale
- Absolute value
- Polygon
- Line segment
- Area
- Perimeter
- Grid map


Ask questions like these to help your child become a productive mathematical thinker:

- Construct a coordinate grid. Show me where ( $8,-7$ ) is.
- How far is the $x$ coordinate (8) from zero?
- How far is the $y$ coordinate $(-7)$ from zero?
- Which point would reflect $(8,-7)$ over the $x$ axis? Which quadrant would that be in?
- Which point would reflect $(8,-7)$ over the $y$ axis? Which quadrant would that be in?
- Which point would reflect $(8,-7)$ over both axes? Which quadrant would that be in?
- If those four points were connected with line segments, what shape would it be? What would be the area and perimeter of that shape?
- How does your understanding of absolute value help you to find the distance between two points on a coordinate grid?
- Tell me what range and scale are.
- Give me an example of when it would be appropriate for the $x$ and $y$ axes to have two different scales.
- Can you represent fractional units on a coordinate grid? If so, how?
- If you knew the ordered pairs of the vertices of a right triangle, how could you find its area?
- When might we use a coordinate grid in real life?
- Could you design a game that uses coordinate grids?

