6th Grade Research Resources

1. **WAMS Research Guide:** The online website filled with pages of tips and video tutorials on important information/research skills and tools you will use at WAMS. It is available to you 24 hours, 7 days a week, so if you are working on a project or assignment and need a refresher on anything from how to take notes, to searching for good web sites, go to the WAMS Research Guide.

   **To get there:** WAMS Media Center home page (Google “wams media center”) → Resources → WAMS Resource LibGuides. Click All and scroll to bottom of list. Click on WAMS Research Guide.

2. **WAMS Databases:** Information you need to know about databases:

   - A database is a collection of information from different sources that is put together online and can be searched all at once.
   - Information could be text articles, videos, podcasts, images, etc.
   - Databases cost money, are owned by companies that make sure they contain quality information.
   - Databases are a valuable resource for learning about a topic or answering a research question.
   - ***To access databases from HOME, you need passwords found on pgs 25-26 of your student (agenda) assignment pad.

   **To get to databases:** WAMS Media Center home page (Google “wams media center”) → Databases. Takes you directly to the WAMS Databases LibGuide page.

   **Quick Tip:** An another way to get to the WAMS Databases guide page – Google “wams databases”

3. **Citations/NoodleTools:** Information you need to know about citations, Works Cited pages and NoodleTools.

   - A citation is the information that identifies a source you used to get information/notes about a topic you are researching.
   - A source could be: a database article, a web page, a reference or nonfiction print or eBook, an interview, a DVD/video, an audio broadcast, an image, etc.
   - Being a good digital citizen means citing (creating citations) for any source you use when learning new knowledge or creating a product.

   - **NoodleTools:** The tool we use to create citations and the Works Cited page for a project.
     - This year we learn the basics of adding citation information to NoodleTools and creating the Works Cited page.
     - Each year we will learn how to use more features of NoodleTools in our research process.
     - NoodleTools can be accessed at www.noodletools.com
     - Refer to the NoodleTools User Guide or go to the WAMS Research Guide page for Works Cited for tips and video tutorials on using NoodleTools.