

Literacy

OVERVIEW

In third grade, not only are students learning to read with fluency and confidence, but third-grade students are learning to analyze characters, settings, plots, and themes in stories. They practice identifying the author's purpose, making connections, and evaluating information. Third graders will also compare and contrast different texts. By the end of the year, third graders will be using their expanded vocabulary to write clear paragraphs on a variety of topics by composing narrative, informative, and opinion pieces.

Benchmarks Learned:

- Recount stories and identify the central message using evidence from the text
- Understand an author's point of view and establish a point of view based on what is read. Compare and contrast texts of different varieties
- Create opinion, informative, and narrative writings using foundational skills for spelling and punctuation.
- Collaborate with the teacher and classmates to share ideas and conduct short research projects.

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Helpful Home Tips:

- Show your child you read and talk about what books interest you.
- Provide your child with time and space to independently read.
- Visit the library and sign up for a library card.
- Discuss current events so your child can learn more about the world around them. Look at multiple sources that can share a similar or different point of view.
- Encourage your child to write at home about family events and interests. This can include lists, journals, letters, or emails to relatives.
- Encourage your child to share in conversations at home about their learning and interests.
- Model good listening habits and take turns when speaking. Have your child research things they are interested in to learn more and practice their reading.

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Math

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Third-grade students will deepen their understanding of numbers, place value, addition, subtraction, and rounding. They will also develop an understanding of multiplication, division, and fractions through hands-on activities, group work, and problem-solving tasks. Third-grade students will apply their new knowledge of multiplication by finding areas of shapes. Estimating and measuring weights and liquid volumes are also learned skills in third grade.

Benchmarks Learned:

- Multiplication and Division strategies to solve word problems
- Add and subtract within 1000 and apply strategies to solve real-world problems.
- Understand and compare fractions using models, a number line, and equations.
- Measure and estimate weights and liquid volumes.

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Helpful Home Tips:

- Practice fact families with multiplication and division problems.
- Use real-life examples to show the everyday use of problem-solving while at the grocery store or planning a party
- Encourage your child to look at different items at the store to add up the costs and subtract it from the amount they can spend
- Share recipes for baking and cooking to show different fractions when measuring and serving food. Point out examples in their environment when shopping or at home.
- Encourage your child to look around their environment and see examples of measurement and data. Examples are telling time, using a ruler or tape measure, creating graphs to collect data, and weighing items.

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Social Emotional Learning

OVERVIEW

In 3rd Grade, students continue to hone their ability to pay attention, listen, and ignore distractions. They also continue to learn how to respond to others with empathy, calm down, manage strong feelings, and solve problems.

Skills:

- Identify their feelings/emotions and explain why they feel that way.
- Describe how others may feel based on verbal and physical cues
- Demonstrate socially appropriate behaviors in a variety of settings.
- Work together with others to address a need.
- Know and understand a range of emotions and how one can lead to another (e.g.e frustration can lead to anger).
- Compromise to reach a common goal.
- Use “I” statements in conflict with peers and apologize for their role in the conflict.

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HELPFUL HOME TIPS:

- Model setting a short-term goal
- Positively reinforce good decisions
- Practice problem solving
- Encourage conversations about experiences
- Set clear rules and expectations