

Your child will be expected to know the words below. They are known as "sight words" because many of the words cannot be sounded out. Your child will also learn new words from his or her reading story each week.

THIRD GRADE SIGHT WORDS

about	hold	seven
better	hot	shall
bring	hurt	show
carry	if	six
clean	keep	small
cut	kind	start
done	laugh	ten
draw	light	today
drink	long	together
eight	much	try
fall	myself	warm
far	never	
full	only	
got	own	
grow	pick	

Third grade students will be learning more academic vocabulary. These are words that are specific to an area like science or social studies.

How Can You Help Your Child?

1. Read with your child every day. Read aloud to your child and ask him or her to read to you.
2. After you read a book together, ask your child questions like who, what, when, where, why and how about the text.
3. Talk about the meanings of new words your child sees or hears.
4. Practice sight words.
5. Visit the library often. Allow your child to pick books that interest him or her.
6. Practice basic multiplication facts with your child.
7. Make math meaningful by finding real-world math problems in your daily life, especially with fractions.
8. Ask questions that require mathematic thinking: estimation, greater/less than, basic multiplication problems.
9. Play math games with cards or dice to build counting and thinking skills. (Example: quickly multiply the numbers on 2 dice or 2 playing cards).
10. Have your child explain the relationship between numbers without counting. (Example: 147 is 100 more than 47 and 3 less than 50).
11. Review communication that comes home each night from your child's teacher.
12. Keep a box filled with school supplies at home. Important supplies to have on hand are: kid-friendly scissors, pencils, a pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons or colored pencils, glue stick and paper.

When school starts, if you have a concern about your child's progress or development, speak with your child's teacher.



A Guide for Families

Third grade is an exciting year filled with new experiences. This guide will assist you in helping your child prepare for third grade and throughout the school year. Enclosed are lists of the most important skills for students to gain **by the end of their year** in third grade.



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By the end of third grade your child will be expected to...

READING SKILLS

- ◆ Read and comprehend informational and literary text in 2nd-3rd grade complexity range.
- ◆ Know and apply 3rd grade skills to sound out and analyze words.
- ◆ Read with accuracy and fluency (appropriate pace and expression):

1st Term Goal: 99 words per minute

2nd Term Goal: 120 words per minute

3rd Term Goal: 129 words per minute

4th Term Goal: 137 words per minutes

Literary Text

- ◆ Ask and answer questions and refers to the text for answers.
- ◆ Understand message or lesson from fables, folktales, and myths.
- ◆ Compare and contrast most important points in two texts.

Informational Text

- ◆ Identify main topic of informational text and how details support the main idea.
- ◆ Describe connections between a series of events, ideas, or steps in technical procedures.
- ◆ Determine and clarify meanings of words and phrases.

WRITING SKILLS

- ◆ Write opinion, informative/explanatory, and narrative pieces that are appropriate to task and purpose.
- ◆ Develop and strengthen writing by planning, revising, and editing.
- ◆ Use digital tools to publish writing and to interact and collaborate with other.
- ◆ Conduct short research projects; gather information from print and digital sources.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ◆ Demonstrate understanding of grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
- ◆ Understand the relationships and multiple meanings of words.
- ◆ Use acquired words and phrases and determines the meaning of general and content-specific words and phrases.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

- ◆ Participate in a range collaborative conversations with diverse partners.
- ◆ Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker.
- ◆ Determine the main ideas and supporting details of text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats.

MATH SKILLS

- ◆ Know multiplication and division basic facts up to 10×10 .
- ◆ Solve word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- ◆ Understand fractions and relates them to whole numbers.
- ◆ Reason about and finds area of shapes.
- ◆ Add and subtract within 1000 with the standard set of operations and multiple strategies.
- ◆ Tell & write time to the nearest minute.
- ◆ Recognize area as a quality of a two-dimensional region, connect arrays to multiplication, and explain how multiplication is used to determine the area of a rectangle.

SOCIAL SKILLS and WORK HABITS

- ◆ Follow school rules.
- ◆ Pay attention during class.
- ◆ Follow instructions well.
- ◆ Work well independently.
- ◆ Work collaboratively with others.
- ◆ Respect rights and property of others.
- ◆ Accept responsibility for actions.