

3rd Grade Learning Standards

Language Arts

The Language Arts program develops students into effective communicators through a variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. Students will continue to develop vocabulary with larger multi-syllable words, increase comprehension, and strengthen grammar skills. Varied sentence structure and paragraph writing will continue to be reinforced with pre-writing activities and 6-traits of writing through creative, expository, research, functional, and expressive writing. Students will continue to develop reading fluency and accuracy at grade level. Comprehension strategies and elements of literature will be explored through poetry, fictional, and informational readings.

Mathematics

Students will obtain mastery of basic facts and an automatic fluency with fundamental operations necessary for higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will learn and become proficient in more advanced calculation skills, place value, multiplication, division (one, two, and three digits), fractions, utilizing relationships, and making inferences to solve real world problems. They will explore geometry, use measurement to describe and compare real world data, and use inductive and deductive reasoning to test the validity of their ideas.

History

Third grade History introduces the reasons for the effects of the exploration of North America to provide a foundation for further study in the fourth and fifth grades. The idea of freedom is explored through the study of our nation from the Civil War through late 19th and early 20th century immigration. The development of cultures and civilizations and their contributions are expanded through the introduction of ancient Greece and Rome. Topics from American History, World History, Government, Geography, and Economics will be explored.

Science

Students are naturally curious about the world and nature. To sustain this curiosity students will be actively engaged in learning to view the world scientifically through hands-on experience and observation. Students will be encouraged to ask questions about nature and seek the answers, collect, count, and measure things, make observations, organize collections, and discuss findings. Students will explore topics from Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science and build upon science skills acquired in the second grade.