

# WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN?




**Third Grade**

**2019-2020**

## How can I help my child at home?

Learning does not end in the classroom. Children need help and support at home to succeed in their studies. Try to create a quiet place for your child to study every day uninterrupted by friends, siblings, or other distractions. At home, you can play an important role in setting high expectations and supporting your child in meeting them. You should also try to sit down with your child at least once a week for 15 to 30 minutes while he or she is doing homework. This will keep you informed about what your child is working on. By taking small steps, you will be helping your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

- Make reading for fun a part of your child's daily routine. Set aside quiet time, with no phones, computers, or other distractions, when your child can read for pleasure, books such as *Amos & Boris* by William Steig or *The Fire Cat* by Esther Averill. To find more books for your child to read, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families>
- Encourage your child to find a picture from a newspaper or magazine, cut it out, paste it on paper, and write a story about it.
- Start a family vocabulary box or jar. Have everyone write down new words they discover, add

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## Grade Level Expectations

Third grade is a pivotal year for your child. Learning to read with fluency and confidence will serve as a foundation for the reading demands in later grades. By practicing with learning-to-read strategies, your child will reliably be able to make sense of multisyllable words in books. He or she will come to appreciate that words have meanings that are not literal (e.g., *a piece of cake*) and have relationships to other words (e.g., *company* and *companion*). Recognizing and understanding words will help your child read increasingly challenging stories and books and build knowledge about the world around him or her. By the end of the year, your child also will be writing clear sentences and paragraphs on a range of topics, drawing on an expanding vocabulary.

## A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Third Grade

- Reading closely to find main ideas and supporting details in a story
- Describing the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in stories (e.g., first, second, third; cause and effect)
- Comparing the most important points and key details presented in two books on the same topic
- Writing opinions or explanations that group related information and develop topics with facts and details
- Writing stories that establish a situation and include details and clear sequences of events that describe the actions, thoughts, and feelings of characters
- Independently conducting short research projects that build knowledge about various topics
- Asking and answering questions about information he or she hears from a speaker or while participating in classroom discussions, offering appropriate elaboration and detail that build on what others have said
- Reading stories and poems aloud fluently, without pausing to figure out what each word means
- Distinguishing the literal and nonliteral meanings of words, such as *something's fishy* and *cold shoulder*
- Spelling correctly and consulting dictionaries to clarify meanings of words

## District Resources

### [English Language Arts Website](#)

LAFS Task Cards



Author's Purpose/Perspective



Text Structures



Context Clues Chart



Summary Frames



Topic/Main Idea/Theme



## Digital Links

Ready: <http://www.dadeschools.net/students.asp>

C-Palms: <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/>

Achieve the Core: <http://achievethecore.org/>

myON Reader: <https://www.myon.com/login/>

Sunshine State Young Reader Award Program: <http://www.floridamedia.org/?page=ssyrahome>

Reading Rockets Phonics: <http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching/reading101/phonics>