

Third Grade Suggested Skills



Dear Parents,

Summer is upon us and while it is a very exciting time in the lives of children it also is a time that they can lose some of the important academic skills that are required for the next grade level. Below are five things that you can do with your child to assist them over the summer and allow them to “hit the ground running” in third grade:

1. **Practice Math Facts** – When entering third grade students should be firm on addition and subtraction facts to 20. Knowing these facts will make working with regrouping much easier for your child. Although we will be working on multiplication facts in third grade, it is never too early to start those as well. To practice facts you can use websites such as www.coolmath4kids.com, www.mathisfun.com, and www.allmath.com. In addition, flash cards are an excellent tool that can be used in just minutes a day. Flash cards are available at local office supply stores, ACE Educational, and many dollar stores.
2. **Time** – Please make sure your child can tell time to the nearest hour and half hour on an analog clock. Many students have digital watches and this discourages them from learning to tell time on traditional clocks and watches.
3. **Read**- Please read aloud with your child to increase their reading fluency as well as ask questions while reading to improve comprehension.
4. **Writing** - Encourage your child to keep a journal or diary over the summer. Have them write for at least five to ten minutes each day. This will improve their writing endurance, increase their writing comfort, and allow them to practice transferring their ideas to paper.
5. **Handwriting** – As a beginning third grader your child should have mastered manuscript writing (printing). Your child should be forming letters correctly, and writing on lines. Keeping a journal will also help with improving handwriting. Your child has also begun to learn cursive handwriting. They can continue to practice this as well.

Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education. We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful and productive 3rd grade year.



The Silver Ridge 3rd Grade Team



Summer Reading Suggestions

It is very important for your child to continue to read over the summer. Your child should read a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts. When reading nonfiction, let your child choose a topic that is of interest to him or her.

Reading does not always have to be books. It is great for your child to read magazines, kid friendly newspapers, or web articles!

The following authors and series are suggested reading for students entering third grade.

Adler, David	Cam Jansen series
Black, Holly and DiTerlizzi, Tony	Spiderwick Chronicles
Blume, Judy	Fudge series and others
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona series
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry series
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody series
Moore, Eva	Magic School Bus Chapter books
Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Treehouse series
Park, Barbara	Junie B. Jones series

Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books

Third grade students are invited to participate in the Sunshine State Young Readers Award program. To get a list of the SSYRA books for the 2010-2011 school year go myssyra.org. All of the books are 3rd to 5th grade level. Get started reading these books over the summer and earn your way to the SSYRA party at the end of the year! Because some of these books are at a higher level, remember that you can use these as a read-aloud with your child as well.



Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child next school year! The following is a list of suggested supplies that the Third Grade teachers would like students to have for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Have a wonderful summer, and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers

- (1) pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
 - (2) black composition books
 - (3) 70 sheet spiral notebooks, wide lined (red, blue, green)
 - (5) pocket folders (red, blue, green, yellow, purple)
 - (1) plastic pocket folder
 - (3) boxes of yellow #2 pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS please)
 - (1) yellow highlighter
 - (2) colored pencil sets (maximum of 16)
 - (2) boxes crayons (maximum of 24)
 - (1) soft zippered pencil case (NO PENCIL BOXES please)
 - (1) pack of dry-erase markers
 - (2) large glue sticks
 - (3) large pink erasers
 - (2) boxes of tissues
 - (2) green pens
 - (2) containers of Wet Ones
 - (1) medium- sized Fiskar scissors
 - (1) clean sock
 - (1) ream of white copy paper
 - (1) ream of colored copy paper
- Suggestion: (1) dictionary and (1) thesaurus for home use

Please note: Some supplies may need to be replenished during the course of the school year.