

# Your third grader's success begins with you.

Along with your child's teachers, you play the most important role in her education. Find out what your child is learning this year and how you can make education a top priority at home.



## What is my child learning this year?

Below are some of the key things your child will be learning this year. Use this list with your child's teacher to set goals and to make sure she is on track to succeed.

Reading at grade level in third grade is a key milestone to your child's future success. In fact, research tells us that students who are behind in third grade have a hard time catching up and are likely to struggle in future grades. If you aren't sure if your child is reading at grade level, talk with her teacher and find out what you can do to help ensure she is on track.

### English Language Arts & Literacy

- + Compare characters, settings, or important points and key details presented in two different texts.
- + Compare and contrast the characters, setting, and plot of different stories.
- + Read grade-appropriate books easily — reading most words correctly (accuracy), with a normal speed (automaticity), and as if they are telling a story (prosody).
- + Produce, expand, and rearrange simple, compound and complex sentences when writing. (A complex sentence is made up of an independent clause and one or more dependent clauses connected to it. Dependent clauses cannot stand alone as a sentence.)

### Mathematics

- + Develop fluency in multiplication and division with numbers under 100.
- + Solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- + Develop understanding of fractions as part of a whole, as well as units on a number line.
- + Measure and solve problems involving time, length, liquids, and mass. Utilize both the metric system (millimeters, centimeters) and U.S. customary measures (inches, feet).

## Fun activities to do at home

**Encourage reading** by having your child read and reread familiar books for 20 minutes every day.

**Ask your child to pick out a new vocabulary word** from one of the books she is reading. Talk about what the word means and then make up a sentence with the new word. Try to use the word again that week.

**Cook with your child.** Cooking together will reinforce measurement; doubling the recipe or halving the recipe will reinforce multiplication and purchasing the items will reinforce solving problems involving addition and subtraction.

**Working with number lines** is a critical piece in developing understanding of fractions as parts of whole numbers. Using a ruler at home will emphasize measuring length, which is also critical in third grade.

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*Note: Every child develops at his/her own pace. These expectations are based on Arizona's current academic standards that students should master by the end of each school year.*

If you have specific questions about the grade level standards, please contact your child's teacher. A full list of academic standards is available at [ArizonaAimsHigher.org](http://ArizonaAimsHigher.org).