## **Third Grade Phonics Scope and Sequence**

Week	Main Skill	Word Study
1	Short Vowels	Closed Syllables
2	Long a	Open Syllables
3	Long o	Vowel Team Syllables
4	Long e	Final Stable Syllables
5	Long i	Final e Syllables
6	Long u	Context Clues: General Clues
7	r-Controlled Vowels /ar/, /or/	R-Controlled Vowel Syllables
8	r-Controlled Vowels (er, ir, ur)	Abbreviations
9	Long oo and Short oo	Compound Words
10	Diphthongs /ou/ and /oi/	Hard and Soft g
11	Variant Vowel /o/	Final Stable Syllables
12	Closed Syllables	Suffixes with Spelling Changes
13	Open Syllable Sounds	Suffixes with Spelling Changes
14	Final Stable Syllables	Context Clues: Definitions, Synonyms
15	Vowel Team Syllables	Context Clues: Antonyms, General Clues
16	r-Controlled Vowel Syllables	Homophones
17	Final e Syllables	Adding suffixes with Spelling Changes
18	Unaccented Final Syllables	Contractions
19	Inflectional Endings -ed, -ing with Spelling Changes	Using Morphology: Related Words
20	Irregular Plurals	More Irregular Plurals
21	Prefixes (dis-, un-, pre-, re-)	Using Morphology: Prefixes, Roots
22	Suffixes (-er, -or)	Homographs
23	Suffixes (-able, -ful, -less, -ness, -y, -ly)	Using Morphology: Related Words
24	Prefixes (im-, in-, non-, and others)	Using Morphology: Prefixes, Roots
25	Related Words	Using Morphology: Related Words
26	Homophones	Context Clues: Examples, Definitions
27	Homographs	Context Clues: Synonyms, Antonyms
28	Compound Words	Using Morphology: Roots
29	Abbreviations	More Abbreviations
30	Contractions	More Contractions

<sup>\*\*</sup>This is one component of a comprehensive reading plan with an emphasis on application of these skills in continuous reading and writing through the Units of Study in Reading and Writing.

Reading Big Words Strategy: (taught in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and should be continued in 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- 1. Look for the word part (prefixes) at the beginning of the word.
- 2. Look for the word parts (suffixes) at the end of the word.
- 3. In the base word, look for familiar spelling patterns. Think about the six syllable spelling patterns you have learned.
- 4. Sound out and blend together the word parts.
- 5. Say the word parts fast. Adjust your pronunciation as needed. Ask yourself, "Is it a real word? Does it make sense in the sentence?"

<sup>\*\*</sup>Heggerty Phonemic Awareness and/or Fastbridge interventions will be used to help develop the phonological and phonemic awareness component for those students who have not mastered these skills.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Spelling will be taught as presented in PTR. Additional words may be added at teacher discretion.