

GRADE 3 ENGLISH/READING & WRITING

By the time children reach the third grade, they should be able to comprehend what they are reading so they can fine-tune their skills to become more successful readers. Parents can use this checklist by checking off the below as their child learns.

VOCABULARY COMPREHENSION

- Read multi-syllable and irregularly spelled words that are grade appropriate
- Comprehend third grade-level text while reading at a steady pace
- Know when s/he misreads a word or sentence and how to correct the error
- Answer questions related to text s/he has read using examples from the story

LITERARY GENRES & UNDERSTANDING

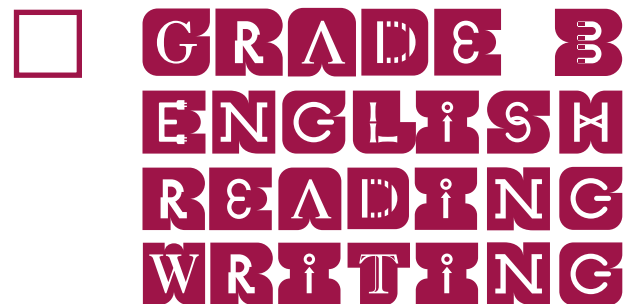
- Read fiction, non-fiction and poetry
- Understand and explain main ideas within the text
- Recognize differences between literal and non-literal phrases, such as metaphors and analogies
- Define unfamiliar words by using context clues or photographs, charts and other provided reference material within the text
- Develop an independent point of view of characters and text when reading
- Discuss opinions, thoughts and conclusions s/he has on a story in small groups

WRITING PROCESS

- Plan writing exercises before getting started
- Revise and edit writing after reviewing it
- Write in a variety of forms, including opinion, narrative, informative and explanatory pieces
- Elaborate in writing through the use of words and phrases such as because, since, for example and also
- Spend different amounts of time completing a written piece, for example finishing one project in 30 minutes and spending a week researching, writing and editing another

WRITING

- Communicate with others, like a pen pal, using the appropriate technology under supervision
- Conduct research using text and the Internet for starting research projects
- Use computer programs to create Venn diagrams, maps and thought webs that are part of preparing for the writing process
- Post written work online with supervision



Throughout third grade English/reading and writing, your child will have the opportunity to dive into a variety of genres. Encourage him/her to branch out when looking for books to read and topics to write about.