



Harrison County School District

A Look at Next Year...Preparing Your Student for Third Grade



Reading/Language Arts:

In 3rd grade, your child will continue to build reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. He/she will be exposed to a wide range of texts used for different purposes with more complex vocabulary and multisyllabic words to decode. Students will show text comprehension through writing.

Reading Activities:

- Read stories including fables, folktales, & myths from different cultures identifying the lesson and central message of the story
- *Read informational texts including history, social studies, and science to identify main idea
- Answer questions about characters & how their actions affect events in story.
- Use specific details found in the text to support ideas and responses.
- Use illustrations, maps, and photographs to gain understanding of a text.
- Learn and use figurative language.
- Describe similarities & differences in texts.
- Describe main idea of text & specific supporting details.
- Describe the order of events in a story.
- Read test with fluency and expression.

Reading Resources:

<https://www.ixl.com/>
<http://www.starfall.com/>
<http://www.tbcjr.com/home.aspx>
<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Science and Social Studies

In Grade 3, students will increase their use of science and engineering practices for obtaining, recording, charting, and analyzing data in the study of a variety of environments.

- organism's ability to grow, develop, survive, obtain food/energy, and reproduce within a given environment
- the study of matter and its properties and their interactions based on environmental changes and surroundings.
- Earth science investigates surface features affected by one or more of Earth's spheres and human impacts on the environment.
- Engage in the engineering design process, conduct research and communicate understanding of each standard in a variety of ways.

MS Literacy- Based Promotion Act

In 2013, the state of Mississippi instituted the Literacy-Based Promotion Act, which states for the 2018-2019 school year, all third grade students must earn a passing score of Level 3 or Above on the multiple-choice portion of the 3rd Grade MAAP-ELA Assessment in order to be promoted to the 4th grade.



District Summer Reading List



MDE Family Guide to Success contains valuable information to help students succeed:

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ESE/links/response-to-intervention-teacher-support-team/family-guides-for-student-success>



Mathematics

In 3rd grade, students will:

- Develop an understanding of multiplication and division and use strategies to solve multiplication and division problems within 100
- expand knowledge of place value and use this understanding to solve 3 digit addition and subtraction problems with regrouping
- develop an understanding of fractions
- Use arrays to solve problems and calculate area
- Learn two-dimensional shapes and identify shapes having 4 sided (quadrilaterals)

Activities

- Practice skip counting and identifying odd and even numbers
- Use objects to create arrays for multiplication facts
- Determine the capacity of a container by locating its mass and volume (ml, L, kg, g)
- Use a ruler to measure household items to the nearest inch, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch
- Practice addition and subtraction with and without regrouping
- Use playing cards to practice 3 digit addition and subtraction

Resources:

www.prodigygame.com/play
<https://www.ixl.com/>
www.Math-aids.com
www.coolmath.com
<https://www.education.com/games>
www.khanacademy.org
www.code.org

Handwriting and Keyboarding

Keyboarding

Third grade students are expected to type 15 words per minute during a one minute timed writing with 95% accuracy.

Mississippi Legislature passed Senate Bill 2273 effective on July 1, 2017

The standard course of study shall include the requirement that the public schools provide instruction in cursive reading and writing, implemented across the curriculum, so that students create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of the fifth grade, and that students pass with proficiency a teacher-constructed test demonstrating the students competency in reading and writing cursive.



Summer Reading Suggestions

- Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
- Thank you, Mr. Falker and Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
- Adventures in Science Series by Daniel Maurer
- Fly Guy Presents Series by Tedd Arnold
- Leaders Doing Headstands Series by Mark Weakland/Rachel Ruiz
- If You Were a Kid Series
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Scholastic "Branches" Series

<http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us/>

