

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Readiness

Third grade is an exciting year, but it also brings a noticeable step up both academically and socially. Students will be expected to take on more responsibility for their learning, including staying organized, managing their time, and working more independently. The academic expectations increase as well, with a stronger focus on reading comprehension, writing, and problem-solving. Socially, students will continue developing important skills like collaboration, accountability, and handling challenges with greater maturity. This year is all about growth, and we will support your child as they stretch into becoming more confident, independent learners. Your encouragement at home will make a big difference as they adjust to these new expectations. We look forward to partnering with you for a successful year ahead.

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Here are some skills that rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are expected to know:

## MATH

- Fluently add and subtract facts within 20 (without counting on fingers)
- Skip count by numbers 1-10
- Add and subtract three-digit numbers (it is very helpful if they are already comfortable using the traditional algorithm)
- Read for meaning in math word problems- visualize what is happening in the problem
- Understand ones, tens, and hundreds place value
- Read and write numbers up to 1,000
- Know and understand the value of bills and coins; solve problems using money
- Telling time on an analog clock to the nearest minute

## ELA

- Read 😊 See reading list
- Practice spelling no excuse words- see below (test 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school)
- Capitalizing names and proper nouns; using capitals for I & I'm
- Writing in complete sentences with correct punctuation

### No Excuse Words:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. About            | 16. Really           |
| 2. Again            | 17. Saw              |
| 3. Another          | 18. Says             |
| 4. Any              | 19. They             |
| 5. Because          | 20. Then             |
| 6. Could (couldn't) | 21. Used             |
| 7. Didn't           | 22. Very             |
| 8. Does (doesn't)   | 23. Want             |
| 9. Don't            | 24. Was (wasn't)     |
| 10. Go              | 25. Were             |
| 11. Have            | 26. When             |
| 12. How             | 27. Where            |
| 13. Keep            | 28. Who              |
| 14. Kept            | 29. With             |
| 15. Many            | 30. Would (wouldn't) |

We are so excited to meet our new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

# 3rd Grade Summer Reading List

We believe that summer reading should be enjoyable and driven by student choice. The books listed below are from a variety of genres, as well as reading levels. Students should be able to choose a 'just right' book; however, parents will most likely need to help in choosing an appropriate text.

Students should:

- Choose 2 books from the list, preferably from different categories.
- Be prepared to share their readings with classmates and write about the text.

<p>If you like adventure books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I Survived</li><li>● American Girl Mysteries</li><li>● 39 Clues</li><li>● A to Z Mysteries</li><li>● Magic Tree House</li><li>● Geronimo Stilton</li></ul>	<p>If you like funny books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Diary of a Wimpy Kid</li><li>● Big Nate</li><li>● Dork Diaries</li><li>● Wayside School</li><li>● Matilda</li><li>● Stick Dog/ Stick Cat</li></ul>
<p>If you like animal books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Critter Club</li><li>● Horse Diaries</li><li>● Puppy Place</li></ul>	<p>If you like fantasy books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wings of Fire</li><li>● Whatever After</li><li>● Emily Windsnap</li></ul>
<p>If you like non-fiction, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Who Was</li><li>● You Wouldn't Want to Be</li></ul>	<p>If you like friendship books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Never Girls</li><li>● Ivy and Bean</li></ul>
<p>If you like realistic books, you'll love...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The One and Only Ivan</li><li>● Kids of Polk Street School</li><li>● Jake Drake</li><li>● Amber Brown</li></ul>	<p>Recommendations from Nolan 3rd graders...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Owl Diaries</li><li>● Mercy Watson</li><li>● Buddy</li><li>● Shiloh</li><li>● Judy Moody</li></ul>

Happy reading!

-Third grade teachers