

Parent Guide to 3rd Grade



What should my child know before entering 3rd Grade?

LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH
<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read independently for a sustained period of time and summarize what was read <input type="checkbox"/> Use context clues, prefixes, suffixes, antonyms, and synonyms to determine the meaning of words <input type="checkbox"/> Identify, read, and spell at least 300 high-frequency words <input type="checkbox"/> Basic knowledge of different genres: informational text (expository, procedural, persuasive) and drama <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the topic and main idea in a text and locate clearly stated facts <input type="checkbox"/> Describe the order or sequence of events in a text and use text features to locate information <input type="checkbox"/> Follow written multi-step directions <input type="checkbox"/> Describe main characters in drama and identify the elements of dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> Make inferences about text and support understanding with evidence from the text <input type="checkbox"/> Retell important events in stories in order and make connections to own experiences <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understand and use pronouns <input type="checkbox"/> Write brief stories that include a beginning, middle, and end <input type="checkbox"/> Write short letters with ideas in sequence and use conventions <input type="checkbox"/> Write persuasive statements about issues that are important to the student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partition objects into equal parts and name the parts, including halves, fourths, and eighths, using words <input type="checkbox"/> Compose two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional solids <input type="checkbox"/> Decompose two-dimensional shapes <input type="checkbox"/> Model, create, and describe contextual multiplication and division situations <input type="checkbox"/> Use concrete models of square units to find the area of a rectangle <input type="checkbox"/> Solve one-step and multi-step word problems <input type="checkbox"/> Generate and solve problem situations for a given mathematical number sentence <input type="checkbox"/> Calculate how money saved can accumulate into a larger amount over time <input type="checkbox"/> Explain that saving is an alternative to spending <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguish between a deposit and a withdrawal <input type="checkbox"/> Identify examples of borrowing or lending <input type="checkbox"/> Differentiate between producers and consumers and calculating the cost to produce a simple item <input type="checkbox"/> Tell time to the minute <input type="checkbox"/> Addition and subtraction fact fluency
<p>BEYOND ACADEMICS Social & Emotional Behavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Know age and birthday, parents' phone number(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Follow multi-step directions <input type="checkbox"/> Regulates own behavior with occasional reminders or assistance from the teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Remains focused on engaging group activities for up to 30 minutes at a time <input type="checkbox"/> Able to express feelings in a complete sentence <input type="checkbox"/> Assumes roles and responsibilities as part of classroom community <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates problem-solving strategies and seeks adult help when necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates empathy and caring for others <input type="checkbox"/> Understand different situations calls for different reactions <input type="checkbox"/> Unpack and pack own backpack 	<p>HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN AT HOME?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Create a high-frequency word flash card game to quiz your child daily <input type="checkbox"/> After reading or listening to a story, ask your child to find ways the characters or plots are similar to their life <input type="checkbox"/> Use an interactive app on electronic devices to support learning at home (check houstonisd.org for digital resources) <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to follow written directions by cooking a new recipe with them and having them write down the recipe <input type="checkbox"/> Create a daily routine at home that includes independent reading time for the family <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to write in a journal daily