

# Welcome to Third Grade

## A PROGRAM...

- Meeting individual needs of developing readers, writers, and problem solvers.
- Challenging each child to his/her full potential.
- Motivating children to become lifelong learners.
- Including parents as partners in the learning process.
- Preparing all students to be proficient in all academic areas.
- Aligned to the PA standards.

Learning is a triangle with your child, you and the teacher at each point. Without all three working together, there's no complete picture!

## THIRD GRADE GOALS. . .

### **Handwriting**

Text: Handwriting Without Tears

Each child will:

- Form letters using correct size, shape, and spacing.
- Write legibly in daily work.
- Begin cursive writing.

### **Reading/Language Arts/Spelling**

Text: MacMillan/McGrawHill Treasures

Each child will:

- Read and respond to literature.
- Connect new information to known information.
- Use decoding/phonics skills for self correction.
- Read orally with expression.
- Apply comprehension skills.
- Make inferences and draws conclusions.
- Become an independent reader.
- Expand vocabulary.
- Master assigned spelling words.
- Use correct spelling in written work.
- Follow written directions.

- Study parts of speech and use them correctly. (nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs).
- Compose written responses to literature.
- Write narrative, informational, descriptive and persuasive paragraphs.

[PSSA Vocabulary for Grade 3, part 1](#)

[PSSA Vocabulary for Grade 3, part 2](#)

## **Speaking/ Listening**

Each child will:

- Express ideas clearly.
- Communicate ideas and experiences.
- Listen attentively.
- Follow oral directions.
- Use correct grammar when speaking.

## **Technology**

Each child will:

- Practice basic calculator skills.
- Use computers as learning tools.
- Research topics using the computer.

## **Mathematics**

Text: HSP Math Harcourt

Each child will:

- Solve addition and subtraction problems.
- Understand and apply problem solving strategies.
- Understand place value to six digit numbers.
- Learn multiplication facts 0-9.
- Develop problem solving skills.
- Demonstrate knowledge of concepts of time, money, measurement, fractions, decimals, probability, geometry, estimation, and simple division.

[PSSA Mathematics Terms for Grade 3, part 1](#)

[PSSA Mathematics Terms for Grade 3, part 2](#)

[PSSA Mathematics Terms for Grade 3, part 3](#)

## **Social Studies**

Each child will:

- Practice map skills.
- Recognize the diversity of cultures.
- Develop an understanding of the history and geography of communities, emphasizing PA.
- Investigate how communities change.
- Develop a perception of local, state and national government.
- Explore the roles and life cycles of living things.
- Discuss Earth's Water.
- Study nutrition and the digestive process.
- Investigate the sun, the moon, and the earth.

### **EACH CHILD CAN LEARN**

Suggestions to help your child at home:

- Discuss your child's day at school. Ask specifically what he/she learned at school today.
- Set a specific time each day for homework/study. (This may be practicing vocabulary words, rereading the story text, or using addition and subtraction flash cards.)
- Have your child read independently 30 minutes a day.
- Limit amount of TV/computer game time.
- Use calendars to discuss and mark important events.
- Make a "to do" list and have your child check off items as he/she completes them.
- Hold high expectations. Children usually live up to your expectations.
- Instill responsibility in your child by encouraging him/her to show you daily papers, complete homework, and to return required forms to school.
- Visit the homework helper by clicking on that icon.

### **MARION CENTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Remember that teachers are facilitators and coaches.  
Learning is a lifelong process.

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