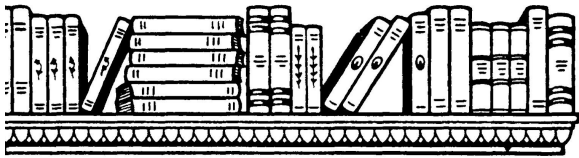




# Family Reading Connections

## Grade 3 Unit 3: Character Studies



**Overview:** During this unit, students will get to know characters by studying their actions, dialogue, and thoughts to notice patterns. These patterns, along with their observations about other story elements, will help them to make thoughtful inferences, predictions, and theories. Students will notice that narrative stories usually follow a predictable pattern (a story mountain) where the main character encounters conflict. They will be a part of a book club where they will compare books that have something in common. They will participate in meaningful discussions that center around: how main characters are similar and different, how characters respond to trouble, what lessons they learn and the messages the author conveys through these lessons.

### In this unit, Students will:

- **Infer** about characters by noticing what the characters are doing, saying, and thinking/feeling.
- **Explain** the changes characters go through.
- **Predict** actions of characters.
- **Describe** and **develop** theories about characters.

- **Recognize** how the problems characters face relate to the theme of the story.
- **Identify** how characters solve their problems and the lessons they learn.
- **Compare** the way characters handle problems to their own lives.
- **Compare** characters and the lessons they learn within and across stories.
- **Analyze** an author's craft.

### Ways to help at home:

- Make sure your child completes their nightly reading homework.
- Read the homework sheets that go along with some of the the homework assignments for ideas of what to talk to your child about.
- Talk to your child about his/her reading, have him/her read to you (their favorite part or read with them if your child is struggling).
- Model good reading habits by reading your own book while they are doing their reading homework.

### New Jersey Student Learning

**Standards (NJSLs):** Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

*\*Attached is the "Self Assessment Rubric," which identifies the most important objectives for each unit.*