



A Parents' Guide to STUDENT SUCCESS

Grade 3

Working together as a team, parents and teachers are establishing a foundation for a child's continual academic and social success. This guide provides an overview of critical grade level focus areas in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Homework strategies and parent involvement opportunities are also included. The staff at Quashnet School looks forward to a successful year of collaboration within the Quashnet community and strive for academic success for all students.

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English Language Arts and Literacy



ELA Overview

Third grade is a pivotal year for your child. Entering third graders should be confident readers, able to sound out words, read with expression, and make meaning of what they read. Third grade students build on reading confidence, comprehension, and fluency (rate and expression). They will acquire a rich vocabulary while access challenging stories and non-fiction books that build knowledge of the world around them.



Focus Content Areas

Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading to find main ideas and details in a story.• Describing the connections between particular sentences and paragraphs in a story.• Compare the most important points and key details presented in two books on the same topic.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing opinions or explanations using facts and details.• Writing stories that establish a clear sequence of events with details, actions, thoughts, and feelings of the character(s).• Independently conduct short research projects.
Speaking and Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading stories, non-fiction texts, and poems aloud fluently.• Asking and answering questions about information he or she hears from class discussions, and elaborating on what others share.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs in general and their functions in a sentence.• Demonstrate a command of capitalization rules, punctuation, and spelling.• Build on vocabulary skills.

Daily independent reading in school and at home is an essential component to being a strong reader.

Mathematics



Four Critical Areas of Study

1. Know multiplication and division facts within 100.
2. Understand fractions, with a focus on unit fractions (e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$).
3. Understand rectangular arrays and area.
4. Describe and analyze two-dimensional shapes.

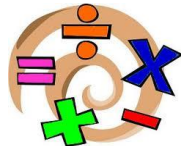
Strategies for Success

- Communicate with your child's teacher; ask questions, share concerns and successes.
- Learn and practice math facts.
- Read and refer to Everyday Math Family Newsletter for vocabulary, skills, and homework help.
- Visit educational math websites for extra practice and support.

www.everydaymathonline.com

www.ixl.com

www.xtramath.org

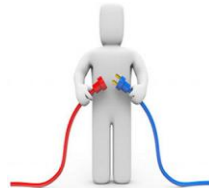


TOPIC	SKILL
Operations and Algebraic Thinking	Solve problems involving four math operations. Multiply and divide within 100. Understand properties of multiplication and relationship of multiplication and division. Look for and explain patterns in arithmetic.
Number and Operations in Base Ten	Use place value understanding to perform multi-digit arithmetic.
Number and Operations in Fractions	Understand fractions as numbers and having a place on a number line.
Measurement and Data	Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid, volumes, and masses of objects. Answer questions from data. Understand area and relation to multiplication and addition; find perimeter and know difference between linear and area measures.
Geometry	Reason with shapes and attributes.

Multiplication tables up to 10×10 should be mastered by the end of third grade.

Suggested Activities to Support Learning at Home

MAKING CONNECTIONS



- ✓ Create a quiet space for your child to study.
- ✓ Set a time every day when your child can concentrate on reading, writing, and math.
- ✓ Make reading a fun part of your child's daily routine. Read together as a family.
- ✓ Keep a diary and/or write stories about interesting pictures or events.
- ✓ Look for word problems in real life...
 - ◆ Share when using math facts (times table, division, or fractions)
 - ◆ Telling time and calculating elapsed time
 - ◆ Using measurements in cooking
 - ◆ Solve problems with money and making change

Learning is enhanced when connections are made between home and school. Real world application brings meaning to school experiences and provides opportunity for practice. Read the weekly Quashnet Newsletter to stay informed of school activities.

GET INVOLVED!

- Talk to your child's teacher about volunteering for special activities and field trips.
- Quashnet School Council – 1 opening for 2012-2013
- Quashnet PTO – see link to Quashnet PTO site on www.mashpee.k12.ma.us - Quashnet School
- Volunteer opportunities – register with Beth Wunder at 508-539-1550 X 4175
- Have lunch with your child during their lunch time or join them for some recess fun. Please sign in at the office.
- Ask questions – share ideas – call or email with concerns.
- Attend Quashnet School events.

Ask questions, stay in contact with your child's teacher, and check his/her daily planner.

Email connections are quick and easy...teacher's first initial, last name @mashpee.k12.ma.us (example: mo'brien@mashpee.k12.ma.us)