



Reading Tips for 3rd Graders

Third Grade

- The most important predictor of reading success is time spent reading with a parent. Help your child develop a love of reading by reading together every day.
- After reading together stop and talk about what you've just read. Discuss different aspects of the story — how pictures help tell the story, how rhyming words are used, or how the story relates to an experience you or your child has had.
- When the child comes to a word he doesn't know and is unable to identify the word, try these strategies: sounding out, skip the word and go on, or substitute a word that makes sense.
- After the child has completed reading or reaches a good "stopping point," have her retell what she read. Create and write your own story with your child. Writing helps strengthen reading skills.

Reading Essential Skills

- Expand vocabulary through word study (words in context, affixes, synonyms, antonyms and homonyms).
- Establish a purpose for reading (inform, persuade, describe, or tell a story)
- Summarize what has been read.
- Recognize main idea.
- Make inferences and draw conclusions.
- Sequence events.
- Distinguish between fact and opinion.
- Identify characteristics of various types of literature: realistic fiction, historical fiction, nonfiction, modern fantasy, poetry, drama, fairy tales, myths, and legends.
- Identify figurative language and sound devices (rhyme, no rhyme, rhythm, and alliteration).
- Conduct research and organize information (parts of a book, charts and diagrams, guide words, and text formats).



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