



**Welcome to  
Third grade!**

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Sweet Apple Elementary

# As a Third Grade Team we have found these topics to be the Top 5 BEST ways to prepare your upcoming Third Grader for success!

- Reading and writing stamina- reading to learn
- Using two texts to respond to a writing/reading prompt
- Math facts mastered 0-12
- Using the text to support thinking
- Building responsibility to prepare for switching classes throughout the day

# Reading and Writing

- Transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

*Comprehension*

*Writing about what they have read*

- Essay writing

*1<sup>st</sup> semester is mastering the genres – narrative, informational, and opinion*

*2<sup>nd</sup> semester is applying what they have learned to write essays based on reading two texts*



*One expectation by the end of the year: Constructed Response Example below*

### **Constructed-Response**

**DOK Level 3:** This is a DOK level 3 item because students need to infer information.

**English Language Arts (ELA) Grade 3 Content Domain I: Reading and Vocabulary**

**Genre: Informational**

**Standard: ELAGSE3RI2.** Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

**What is the main idea of the passage?**

# another expectation by the end of the year: Milestone Writing Task Example below

## Extended Writing-Response

**DOK Level 4:** This is a DOK level 4 item because it requires students to connect information and write a response.

**English Language Arts (ELA) Grade 3 Content Domain II: Writing and Language**

**Genre: Informational**

**Standard:** ELAGSE3W2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

In this section, you will read two passages about skates. How are roller skates and in-line skates different? You will write an informational piece explaining the ways in which roller skates like Amy's grandmother's skates were different from in-line skates.

Before you begin planning and writing, read these two passages:

1. The History of Roller Skates
2. The Skates in the Closet

# Math

- Addition and subtraction facts should be mastered by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Along with three digit addition and subtraction.
- Multistep word problems -moving past basic computation to applying
- Multiplication fact fluency 0-12 is a big push in 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Explaining their thought process and being able to discuss their thinking



# Class Changes

- A big change from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is the transitioning between classes throughout the day. Your child will have 1 teacher for ELA and then a different teacher for Math, Science/Social Studies. Students will be learning how to be responsible for their belongings and bringing what is expected to each class. Organization of materials plays a key role in students being successful in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

# Summer Ideas and Resources

## Reading and Writing

- Build stamina with reading and writing
- Typing practice- Learning.com (can be accessed through your child's Classlink)
- Readworks.org
- Google "third grade reading question stems"
- GADOE Milestones website with study guides  
<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>

## Math

- Commoncoresheets.com
- Flash Card Math (Practice math facts) <http://ascendmath.com/fcm/html5/>
- GADOE Milestones website with study guides  
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