



# Parents' Guide to Third Grade Learning Targets for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics



## Chambersburg Area School District

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### ~ Reading ~

By the end of Third Grade your child should be able to :

- Increase the number of words that can be read fluently.
- Identify meanings of words such as synonyms, antonyms and homonyms.
- Identify meanings of words using context clues and word parts.
- Use information from the story to predict certain events and/or details.
- Identify main idea and supporting details.
- Summarize text.
- Make connections between two different stories.
- Identify different types of genres, such as fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.
- Identify literary elements such as character, setting, plot, events, problem, and solution.
- Identify exaggeration in text such as tall tales.
- Identify fact and opinion.
- Identify comprehension skills, such as cause and effect, compare and contrast and sequencing.
- Interpret graphs, charts and headings.
- Self-monitor reading by predicting, inferring, drawing conclusions, clarifying, and summarizing.

### Reading Activities to do at Home

- **Have child read at home at least 20 minutes a day.**
- Read appropriate independent text by making sure that there are no more than 5 unknown words on a page.
- Discuss with your child what they are reading. Ask them questions using who, what, where, when, why and how.
- Provide many different types of reading materials such as newspapers, magazines and poems.
- Take your child to the library.
- Provide a good role model by reading yourself.
- Purchase books and gift cards to book stores for birthdays and holidays.



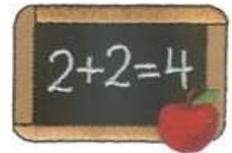
## ~ Writing ~

By the end of Third Grade your child should be able to:

- Write one paragraph with a topic and supporting sentences, and a detailed beginning and ending sentence.
- Use descriptive details relating to the topic.
- Use correct punctuation and capitalization.
- Write for a variety of purposes and audiences (informational, persuasive and narrative).
- Before writing, use strategies and graphic organizers to plan the writing piece.
- Write sentences with various lengths and patterns of simple and compound sentences.
- Edit and revise their writing pieces.

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## ~ Mathematics ~



By the end of Third Grade, your child should be able to:

- Multiply and divide using models, number lines and equal size groups.
- Understand the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Use fractions to represent parts of a whole, set, or points on a number line.
- Use fractions that are equal to, greater than or less than one.
- Classify shapes by their sides and angles.
- Use measurement units to solve for parameter.
- Analyze tables, bar graphs, pictographs and line graphs.
- Apply basic math knowledge to word problems.

## Mathematic Activities to do at Home

Children enjoy mathematics because it relates to real life objects and situations.

- Use flash cards for both multiplication and division.
- Use food (pizza, pie, oranges, subs) to demonstrate fractions.
- Use grade appropriate math practice books available at local stores.
- Have your child explain to you how he/she came up with an answer for a math problem.
- Help with the grocery shopping.
- Use a calculator.