



## 3rd Grade RLA Syllabus

### Course Description

In 3rd Grade Reading Language Arts (RLA), students deepen foundational skills through the exploration of a wide range of literary and informational texts. Instruction is focused on strengthening comprehension, expanding vocabulary, and enhancing written expression. Students engage with fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, argumentative texts, traditional literature, and extended novels. This curriculum aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and encourages critical thinking and communication through reading and writing.

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### Curriculum Overview

Unit 1: Fiction	August 14 – September 26
Unit 2: Informational Text	September 29 – November 7
Unit 3: Argumentative Text & Drama	November 10 – December 19
Unit 4: Hybrid Text & Poetry	January 6 – February 6
Unit 5: Paired Texts	February 9 – March 12
Unit 6: Traditional Literature & STAAR Review	March 23 – April 24
Unit 7: Novel Study	April 27 – May 21

# Skills & Standards

## Reading Comprehension & Literary Analysis

- Generate questions, monitor comprehension, and make inferences
- Analyze character relationships, plot elements, setting, and theme
- Determine central idea, summarize, and compare across genres
- Interpret figurative language and sensory imagery
- Evaluate author's purpose, point of view, and text structure

## Phonics & Word Study

- Decode multisyllabic words, including closed/open syllables, VCe, vowel teams, and r-controlled patterns
- Use prefixes, suffixes, and homophones accurately
- Apply knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, and compound words

## Written Expression & Composition

- Compose literary, informational, argumentative, poetic, and correspondence texts
- Develop drafts with clear introductions, supporting details, and conclusions
- Use transitions effectively and revise for coherence and clarity
- Craft constructed responses citing text evidence

## Grammar & Conventions

- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar in writing
- Apply parts of speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, and prepositions
- Construct compound sentences and apply subject-verb agreement
- Edit for verb tenses, contractions, apostrophes, and commas in a series

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## Grading

See Forney ISD Grading Guidelines