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THIRD GRADE LEARNING TARGETS

BY THE END OF THE GRADE LEVEL, STUDENTS CAN:



LITERACY



- ✓ Participate in discussions by adding thoughts and explaining others' ideas.
- ✓ Decode words using knowledge of Latin prefixes, bases, and suffixes.
- ✓ Read and show understanding of grade-level texts by answering questions.
- ✓ Write in cursive.
- ✓ Learn and use new vocabulary.
- ✓ Write to tell a story, to give information, or to give an opinion using grade-appropriate conventions.
- ✓ Describe how characters respond to major events and challenges.
- ✓ Write a summary of a text using key details.
- ✓ Identify the main idea and key details of a text.
- ✓ Compare and contrast 2 similar texts.
- ✓ Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support specific points in a text.

- ✓ Multiply all one-digit numbers fluently.
- ✓ Understand fractions as numbers and identify them on a number line.
- ✓ Compare the size of two fractions (e.g., $1/2 = 2/4$, $4/6 = 2/3$).
- ✓ Estimate and measure liquid volumes and masses; solve word problems using grams, kilograms, liters, gallons, quarts, pints, and cups.
- ✓ Tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure time intervals in minutes.
- ✓ Represent and interpret data on a picture graph, bar graph, and line plot.
- ✓ Measure lengths using rulers marked with halves and fourths of an inch.

SOCIAL STUDIES



- ✓ Explain the functions, responsibilities, powers, and structures of the state government and its branches.
- ✓ Compare rights and responsibilities of citizens in different places such as communities, states, other countries.
- ✓ Identify ways people influence rules and laws to improve communities.
- ✓ Explain purposes and functions of money in the United States.
- ✓ Describe how people in various places are affected by trade.
- ✓ Create maps to illustrate the physical and human characteristics of a place or region.
- ✓ Analyze individuals, groups, and events to understand why their contributions are important to the heritage of Arkansas and the United States.
- ✓ Describe relationships of state and national symbols, holidays, and historic places to historical events (e.g., Liberty Bell, Fourth of July, Little Rock Nine)

MATH



- ✓ Solve two-step word problems by adding and subtracting numbers up to 1,000 and multiplying and dividing numbers up to 100.
- ✓ Use place value to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.
- ✓ Add and subtract numbers through 1,000 fluently.
- ✓ Multiply one-digit whole numbers by multiples of 10 between 10 and 90 (e.g., 9×80 or 5×60).

SCIENCE



- ✓ Describe typical weather conditions using local weather data and graphical displays.
- ✓ Describe a life cycle of a plant and an insect.
- ✓ Explain how different characteristics help living things survive.
- ✓ Identify the similarities and differences in traits shared between offspring and their parents or among siblings.
- ✓ Explain what happens to plants or animals when their environment changes.
- ✓ Explore how an object's movement can affect another object.

