



LEARNER

Third Grade

Journey Day

September 25, 2026

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This theme centers on the idea that learning extends beyond the classroom and content standards. It's about **uncovering passions**, building **new skills**, and trying things that might spark a **future direction**. Whether it's coding, cooking, storytelling, animation, music production, design thinking, or robotics—this day is designed for authentic exploration and discovery.

Aligned to our Portrait of a Comet, this day nurtures:

- **Voice & Ownership** – Students choose what they want to learn and how they want to explore it.
- **Adapting for the Future** – By trying new tools and talents, students build the flexible skillsets needed in an evolving world.
- **Engaging in Worthy Challenges** – Students step outside their comfort zones to take on something new and exciting.
- **Building Meaningful Relationships** – Through shared experiences, mentorship, or collaboration, students connect with peers and community members who can fuel their learning journey.

Missions

****Required**

Your Mission: Understand yourself as a learner! To do this, you will complete a Learner profile and have a family discussion about what you learned.

Action: Answer the question on the back of this page to complete your Journey Profile so you can share this at school!

Family Connection Questions:

1. What is something you are really proud of about yourself as a learner?
2. When have you seen me use one of my strengths at home?
3. How can our family help me continue my learning journey this year?

Expeditions

****Optional**

Choose your own Adventure! These **OPTIONAL** choices are filled with fun, optional activities to help you discover new interests, explore your community, and think about how you learn best.

- **Ideal Learning Space:** Sketch your favorite learning spot or build it at home. What makes it work well for you? [Click here to Try it!](#)
- **Positive Self Talk Poster:** Learning can be tricky! Make a poster that gives you some positive words or a strategy you can use when you feel stuck! [Click here to Try it!](#)
- **Learn Something New:** Is there something you've always wanted to learn? Try something new today! [Click here to Try it!](#)

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- **Learning Letter:** Write a letter to someone to thank them for helping you learn something special. [Click here to Try it!](#)
- **Learning Collage:** What are your interests? Cut out or draw pictures of things you love to learn about. [Click here to Try it!](#)
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K-6 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.

Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

 Adaptability	 Critical Thinking	 Integrity	 Communication	 Empathy
Choose and prepare your own snack or lunch.	Help put groceries away in the correct place.	Choice Activity!	Order your own dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help.
Listen to new music or make up a new dance to your favorite song	Create your own Activity. _____	Pick up your toys or games without being asked.	Practice introducing yourself to family members or friends	Choice Activity!
Try a new food or activity	Help with cooking for lunch or dinner.	Help clean off the table after dinner.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Complete an art project about YOU and your strengths!	Help with yard work or recycling.	Call or FaceTime a family member.	Help take care of a family or friend's pet.
Count money with a partner at home and pay for an item.	Choice Activity!	Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game.	Help a parent or sibling without being asked.