

Third Grade Journey Day

November 20, 2026

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

- **Earning Trust through Principled Choices** – Students explore how everyday decisions shape their leadership identity.
- **Developing and Sharing Their Voice** – Students build confidence in expressing themselves and advocating for others.
- **Engaging in Worthy Challenges** – Students try new roles and responsibilities to see themselves as capable of creating impact.
- **Adapting for the Future** – By growing interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, students develop leadership strategies that evolve with them.

Missions

**Required

Your Mission: Understand yourself as a leader! To do this, you will think about your traits as a leader and draw pictures of the times you showed those traits.

Action: Complete the Leader activity on the back of this page so you can share it at school!

Family Connection Questions:

1. Who is a leader in your life? What portrait skills do they display (empathy, adaptability, integrity, critical thinking, or communication).
2. What is one way you want to be a leader more often?
3. What is one step you can take this week to grow as a leader?

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 lead best.

- **Leadership Logo**: Think about leadership traits you have and design a simple logo that shows these traits. Click here to Try it!
- **Letter to a Leader**: Write a letter to a leader that you know and tell them what you admire about them as a leader. Click here to Try it!
- **Leadership Story**: Either:find a nonfiction or fiction book about a leader that you can read (at home, library, or store) and share about their leader traits. OR Write your own story about yourself as a leader! Click here to Try it!

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- **Leader Self Talk Poster:** Being a leader can be tricky! Make a poster that gives you some positive words or a strategy you can use when leading feels hard! 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.