

Title 1 Parent Engagement Calendar

Grade 3

September

Reading & Literacy	Math & Numeracy
Goal Setting: Set a school year reading goal (e.g., number of pages or books per month) and create a visual tracking chart. Library Visit: Get a library card or browse the school library. Let your child select one fiction and one non-fiction book. Predictive Headings: Before reading a non-fiction section, read the headings and subheadings. Predict what facts you will learn. New Words Tracker: Keep a notebook dedicated to cool new words encountered in 3rd grade. Write their definitions.	Place Value Blocks: Use lego bricks to represent hundreds, tens, and ones. Build and read out various 3-digit numbers. Rounding Practice: Look at 2-digit and 3-digit numbers on signs or packages. Practice rounding them to the nearest 10 or 100. Number Riddles: Play riddles: 'I am greater than 300, less than 310, and my ones digit is an 8. What number am I?' Big Number Comparison: Flip over two playing cards to make 2-digit numbers. Use 'greater than' or 'less than' to compare.

October

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Spooky Stories: Read a mystery or suspenseful story aloud. Discuss how the author creates mood and tension through word choices. Synonym Swap: Pick common words from a book page (like 'said' or 'went') and see how many strong synonyms you can substitute. Main Idea Tree: Draw a tree structure. Write the main idea of a text on the trunk and supporting details on the branches. Retelling Tales: Have your child retell a favorite fable or story to a family member from memory, keeping the correct sequence.	Array Hunt: Look for real-life multiplication arrays around the house (e.g., standard muffin pans, window panes, egg cartons). Fact Family Flash: Use flashcards to reinforce that if $7 \times 3 = 21$, then $21 \div 3 = 7$. Emphasize inverse relationships. Equal Sharing: Bake or arrange treats. Have your child distribute them equally among family members, calculating shares. Zero Multiplication: Practice the rules of multiplying by 0 and 1 using physical objects to see why the rules work.

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Thankful Journals: Write 2-3 sentences daily about what you are thankful for, focusing on using descriptive adjectives. Fact Checking: Read an informational piece about history. Cross-reference a fact using a second reliable source or book. Reading to Learn: Read a short article about how a household item is manufactured. Explain the steps to someone else. Fluency Check: Time your child reading an age-appropriate passage for 1 minute. Count words correct to gauge baseline fluency.	Recipe Fractions: Help cook. Let your child measure out $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon, or $\frac{3}{4}$ cup, discussing parts of a whole. Fraction Comparison: Draw two identical circles. Divide one into halves and one into fourths. Visually compare which piece is larger. Measurement Hunt: Find 5 items longer than 6 inches but shorter than 1 foot using a standard household ruler. Story Problems: Solve a Thanksgiving-themed math problem together involving the total number of items or plates needed.

December

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Holiday Traditions: Read about winter holidays celebrated around the world. List 2 similarities and 2 differences to your own. Gift of Reading: Wrap a favorite book as a holiday gift. Spend an evening reading it together by cozy lamplight. Context Vocabulary: Encounter archaic or festive words in holiday stories. Decipher meanings using textual clues. Reader's Theater: Turn a short story or holiday book into a script. Assign parts and perform it for family members.	Calendar Math: Look at December's calendar page. Calculate how many days or weeks remain until a specific winter holiday or event. Geometry Ornaments: Create paper snowflakes or decorations focusing on symmetry, straight lines, and geometric shapes. Budget Shopping: Give your child a mock budget of \$20. Look at a catalog and figure out what combinations of items they can buy. Winter Data: Track the time it gets dark each evening for a week. Note if the days are getting shorter or longer.

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Context Clues: Read a story and pick 3 unfamiliar words. Use surrounding sentences to guess definitions before checking a dictionary. Root Word Hunt: Look for multi-syllable words in a book. Break them down into prefix, root, and suffix (e.g., un-happi-ness). Character Traits: Choose a main character and list 3 traits they show, using explicit text evidence to support each. Audiobook Read-Along: Listen to an audiobook while tracking the words in a physical copy to improve fluency.	Array Master: Use items like buttons or pennies to build multiplication arrays (e.g., 3 rows of 4) and write the math fact. Division Sharing: Count 24 small snacks (like cereal) and divide them equally into 2, 3, 4, or 6 groups. Discuss leftovers. Fact Family Triangles: Draw triangles with numbers 3, 4, and 12 at the corners. Write the 2 multiplication and 2 division facts. Skip-Count Catch: Toss a ball back and forth, counting upward by 3s, 4s, 6s, or 8s with every catch up to 100.

February

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Summarize It: After reading a chapter, write a 3-sentence summary: What happened first, next, and last? Fact vs. Opinion: Read a non-fiction article. Point out two statements that are factual and two that are opinions. Poetry Rhythms: Read a poem aloud together. Clap out the rhythm and identify any rhyming patterns or line repetitions. Predict the Plot: Pause halfway through a book. Write down a prediction of how the conflict will resolve, then finish reading.	Fraction Kitchen: Look at a measuring cup or an egg carton. Discuss what 'half,' 'one-third,' and 'one-quarter' mean in real life. Equal Parts Hunt: Find objects in the home cut into equal pieces (tiles, windows). Write the fraction representing one piece. Fraction Number Line: Draw a sidewalk line from 0 to 1. Mark and label $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$. Walk the line to feel the distance. Visual Fractions: Fold a piece of paper into 8 equal squares. Color 3 squares red and write the fractions for colored vs. blank areas.

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Point of View: Discuss who is telling the story. How would the narrative change if it were told from the villain's perspective? Visualizing Scenes: Read a descriptive paragraph without looking at illustrations. Draw what you visualized in your mind. Graphic Organizer: Create a Venn diagram comparing two characters from different books or stories you read this month. Read for Information: Read a kid's recipe or assembly guide. Follow the instructions step-by-step together.	Perimeter Walk: Use a ruler or tape measure to find the perimeter (total distance around) a kitchen table or book cover. Area Grid: Draw a rectangle on graph paper. Count the inside squares to find the area, then verify by multiplying length by width. Shape Match: Hunt for quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes) around the house. Classify them into rectangles, squares, or rhombuses. Tile Geometry: Use square sticky notes or tiles to build different shapes that all have an area of exactly 12 square units.

April

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Cause & Effect: Identify a major event in your book. Find 2 things that caused it and 2 effects that followed. New Vocabulary Board: Write 5 new words found this week on index cards. Use each in a spoken sentence during dinner. Author's Purpose: After reading a piece, decide if the author wrote it to persuade, inform, or entertain you. Why? Choral Reading: Read a favorite book page completely in unison to build oral reading pacing, expression, and confidence.	Elapsed Time: Note the start time of a movie or dinner. Check the clock at the end and calculate exactly how many minutes passed. Clock Match: Practice telling time to the nearest minute on an analog clock. Ask 'What time will it be in 15 minutes?' Schedule Maker: Write out a daily weekend schedule with precise times (e.g., 8:15 AM Breakfast, 9:30 AM Park). Time Word Problems: Create challenges like: 'If baking takes 45 minutes and we start at 2:10 PM, when is it ready?'

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Comic Summary: Turn a chapter book or short story into a 4-panel comic strip showing the key elements of the plot. Non-Fiction Text Features: Browse a textbook or informational book. Find and explain the use of captions, headers, and indexes. Character Dialogue: Read a dialogue-heavy scene using unique voices for different characters to emphasize their personalities. Ask the Author: Write down 3 questions you would ask the author of your favorite book if you met them in person.	Mass Comparison: Hold a canned good in one hand and a bag of chips in the other. Estimate and compare grams or ounces. Volume Kitchen: Use a measuring cup to see how many cups of water fill a large soup bowl or an empty water bottle. Scale Check: If you have a kitchen scale, weigh 3 different items. Order them from lightest to heaviest based on metrics. Estimation Estimation: Estimate whether a pitcher holds more or less than a gallon of liquid, then verify by measuring.

June

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Summer Book Club: Pick a book to read simultaneously with your child. Discuss your favorite chapters over lunch. Journaling: Keep a summer journal. Write 3-4 sentences every other day describing an outdoor activity or an event. Unfamiliar Idioms: Spot figures of speech (e.g., 'raining cats and dogs'). Discuss their figurative vs. literal meanings. Letter to a Character: Write a short letter to a main character advising them on how to handle their biggest conflict.	Summer Money: Count a handful of coins. Practice making the same dollar amount using different coin combinations. Menu Math: Look at a takeout menu. Pick 3 items, estimate the total cost, then calculate the exact sum. Change Counter: Play store. Give your child a \$5 or \$10 bill to pay for a snack, and have them calculate the correct change. Price Comparison: Check flyer prices for a favorite toy or snack at two different stores. Calculate the savings amount.

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Nature Reading: Bring your book outside. Read under a tree or at a park, and find 3 adjectives that match the outdoor setting. Map Reading: Look at a local park map or road map. Read the legend, find key landmarks, and track a route with your finger. Vocabulary Bingo: Make a bingo card with interesting words. Cross them off as you find them in your summer reading books. Setting Swap: Think about your favorite book. How would the plot change if it took place in outer space or underwater?	Bar Graph Weather: Track daily weather (sunny, rainy, cloudy) for 2 weeks. Build a bar graph showing the totals. Pictograph Challenge: Count the cars of different colors parked on your street. Turn the data into a neat pictograph. Data Collection: Ask 5 friends or relatives their favorite ice cream flavor. Record the results using tally marks. Graph Analyzer: Look at a graph in a news article or book. Identify the title, the x-axis, the y-axis, and the main trend.

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Biographies: Read a short biography of an inspiring historical figure. List 3 key accomplishments they achieved. Compare Media: Read a book, then watch its film adaptation. Discuss 3 major differences between the text and the screen. Inference Time: Read a riddle or mystery. Highlight clues that help you infer the answer before it is officially revealed. Dictionary Speed: Give your child a word and see how fast they can locate it using alphabetical order guidelines.	Multiplication Bingo: Create a card with product answers. Call out multiplication facts (e.g., 6×7) to cross off slots. Word Problem Creation: Write a multi-step word problem based on household activities (e.g., 'We have 3 bags of 6 apples...'). Pattern Hunt: Look for number sequences around you or create your own (e.g., $+4$, -1). Challenge each other to find the next 3 numbers. Mental Math Sprint: Practice adding or subtracting 10 or 100 mentally to any 3-digit number during car rides or walks.