THIRD GRADE CHOICE BOARD (SEMESTER 1)

Directions: Choose and complete at least three assignments, each from a different subject area . Complete your work on a separate sheet of paper. **No printer is required**—all tasks can be completed using pencil, paper, crayons, and common, safe household objects!

ELA Grammar & Handwriting	**Cursive Foundation** Practice your 3rd-grade handwriting! Neatly write all uppercase and lowercase letters in cursive on a sheet of paper. Then, practice writing your first and last name, as well as the names of three family members or pets, in neat cursive. [Standard: 3.F.H]	**Parts of Speech Finder** Write 4 neat sentences describing an object or room in your home. Underline your nouns in blue, verbs in red, and adjectives in green. Identify at least 3 of each part of speech in your descriptive sentences. [Standard: 3.L.GC]	**Narrative Creator** Write a 4-sentence narrative paragraph describing a memorable weekend or holiday activity. Your story must have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Use transition words like first, then, and finally, and double-check your spelling and punctuation. [Standard: 3.P.EICC]
READING Fluency & Comprehension	**Expressive Oral Reader** (3.F.F) Read a storybook section or an article out loud to a family member, pet, or stuffed animal for 5 minutes. Practice reading with accurate speed, pacing, and expression. Write down a 1-sentence summary.	**Descriptive Author's Craft** (3.P.AC) Choose a story and find 3 highly descriptive or interesting words chosen by the author. Write them down, then write 1 sentence explaining how those specific words helped you visualize the scene or feelings in the story.	**Perspective Portrait** (3.P.ST) Read a short story with at least two characters. Draw a line down the middle of a paper. Write each character's name and describe how their points of view or feelings about a major event in the plot differ.
MATH Numbers & Operations	**Place Value up to 10,000** (3.NR.1.1) Locate three large 4-digit numbers in your home (like a house address, a book page number, or on a food box). Write them on a sheet of paper in both standard numeral form and fully expanded form.	**Add & Subtract Flyers** (3.PAR.2.1 / 3.PAR.2.2) Look at food labels or make up prices for household items under $1,000. Create two addition and two subtraction equations with a letter representing the unknown (e.g., 450 + x = 800) and solve them, showing all of your work.	**Nearest Ten & Hundred** (3.NR.1.2 / 3.NR.1.3) Gather 5 multi-digit numbers between 100 and 1,000. Neatly record them. First, round each to the nearest 10, then to the nearest 100. Write a comparison statement comparing your two largest numbers using < or >.
SCIENCE Earth, Physical & Life	**Rock Detective Hunt** (S3E1) Find two different rocks outside. Examine them closely using your senses. Write down their physical attributes including color, texture, relative hardness (does it scratch easily?), and estimated size.	**Soil Water Comparison** (S3E1) Scoop up a small handful of two different soils (like dry dirt from the yard, garden sand, or potting soil). Slowly drop 5 drops of water onto each and write down which soil absorbed the water faster and why.	**Fossil Diagram Builder** (S3E2) Draw a 3-panel step-by-step diagram showing how an ancient leaf or shell became buried in layers of sediment and turned into a fossil. Write 2 sentences explaining how fossils give us clues about past life on Earth.
SOCIAL STUDIES History, Civics & Economics	**Native American Shelters** (SS3H1a / SS3H1b) Choose one historic American Indian region (like the Southwest or Arctic). Draw the type of shelter they built (e.g., pueblo or igloo) and write 2 sentences explaining how they used their physical environment to make it.	**U.S. Topography Sketch** (SS3G1a / SS3G1b) Sketch a simple physical outline map of the United States on a blank paper. Locate and label the Rocky Mountain range, the Appalachian Mountain range, and trace the path of the mighty Mississippi River.	**Cultural Contributions** (SS3H1c) Write down 3 examples of how early American Indian cultures continue to contribute to our life today. Think about foods we eat (like corn), arts, storytelling, local names of places, or respect for the environment.
PE & FITNESS Movement & Coordination	**Skip-Count Step Fitness** (3.MP.8) Complete jumping jacks, hops, or squats while counting out loud. Choose your fitness challenge: count forward by 3s up to 30, count forward by 4s up to 40, or challenge yourself to count forward by 8s up to 80!	**Place Value Hopscotch** (3.NR.1.1) Draw a simple hopscotch grid on paper (or with chalk outside). Assign 100s, 1,000s, and 10s to the squares. As you jump onto each square, call out the total number added so far (e.g., jump 1,000 + 500 = 1,500!).	**Nomadic Travel Run** (SS3H1a / SS3G3a) Act like a nomadic Plains hunter tracking buffalo. Complete a 3-part movement course: jog in place for 1 minute (traveling), crawl low under a table (stealthily hunting), and complete 10 high-jumps (observing the plains).