

Dear Rising Third Graders,

Welcome to third grade! You have had a wonderful second grade year, and there is much to be excited about in third grade, as well!

Summer should be a time for fun and relaxation, but it is also important to keep those skills sharp to prepare for all the adventures that await in the coming school year.

Below are some activities to do at home over the summer to enhance your academic skills. The required assignments will help you retain what you have learned and give you a head start for third grade. Choose some optional activities, as well, and have fun experiencing them this summer!

Required Assignments:

Math: Using [eSpark](#) practice the following skills: telling time, addition and subtraction facts, subtraction with regrouping, double and triple-digit addition, practice counting coins, word problems, two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.

Suggested Activities:

Make or use already made math fact flash cards (addition and subtraction).

Practice skip counting by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's and 20's. While in the car, practice mental math.
(Ex: $10+10-1 = ?$)

Use an analog clock and a digital clock to figure out elapsed time (time taken to complete an activity).

Practice estimating the amount of time it takes to brush teeth, tie shoes, get dressed, eat breakfast, etc...

Let your child know what time you are leaving for an event, and have him/her calculate how much time there is between the current time and the time you are leaving.

Calendar activities: "What month is 2 months after March?" "What day of the week is May 10th?" "What is the 3rd Tuesday in August?"

Practice identifying coins and their values. Using their own money, have your child count and decide if they have enough to make a certain purchase.

Start a change jar – Once a week let your child count the contents. Have your child count out lunch money, book money, etc...

Reading: Choose two chapter books in your AR reading level to read over the summer. Your AR Reading Range is written in the third-trimester report card. You can go on [AR Book Find](#) to find books within your range. Below is a list of suggested book series.

Suggested Book Series

Cam Jansen series

Ivy and Bean series

Puppy Place and Kitty Corner series

Stink series

Judy Moody series

Magic Tree House series

Clementine series

A to Z Mysteries series

Geronimo Stilton series

Rainbow Magic series

***Please continue to do AR reading and taking AR tests online.**

Optional Suggestions for Continued Learning

- ★ Keep reading! This may include chapter books, magazine articles, comic books, etc. Parents, ask questions about what your child read. This is not a quiz, but rather, you're allowing them the chance to tell you about the books they love. You will also be able to see what they really comprehend.
- ★ Writing is still important. Keep a journal this summer, and write letters or postcards to friends and family. As you write, be mindful of things such as capitalization and punctuation, complete sentences, organized thoughts, use of details, etc.
- ★ Continue to practice D'Nealian handwriting and cursive.
- ★ Also, practice your addition and subtraction math facts. You should know them as fast as you can say your name.
- ★ Use the resources around you. Go to the beach, parks, museums, etc. Instead of just walking through these places or having a picnic, take the time to really explore. Parents, it may not necessarily occur to your child to ask questions about the animals, nature or historical values of the place(s) you visit, but by exploring and learning about the world around them, they will assuredly, be enriched by this special time with you.

We hope these ideas will help you stay sharp this summer. Our hope is that you can squeeze in a bit of learning with all the fun of summer. You might not even realize you are doing it!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Your Third Grade Teacher