

THIRD GRADE SYLLABUS 2017-2018

ELA Curriculum:

Third Grade uses the Guided Reading program that consists of daily writing workshop and reading stations including word work, skill work, computers and content, guided reading, and independent reading.

The following skills are addressed all year long:

- *create a response to a literary text
- *classify works of fiction and non-fiction
- *use graphic features (illustrations, graphs, charts, maps, diagrams)
- *effectively use the writing process: Prewrite, Rough Draft, Edit, Revise, Publish
- *read high frequency words in text

First Nine Weeks:

Unit 1: Life of a Reader, Narrative Writing (True Stories)

Unit 2: Studying Characters, Opinion Writing (Literary Essay)

Grammar: Complete Sentences and Fragments, Types of Sentences, Simple and Compound Sentences

Second Nine Weeks:

Unit 3: Reading Nonfiction to Get the Text, Informational Writing (Art of Info. Writing)

Unit 4: Reading for Details, Narrative Writing (Adapting/Writing Stories)

Grammar: Singular/Plural Nouns, Possessive Nouns, Common/Proper Nouns

Third Nine Weeks:

Unit 4 (continued): Reading for Details, Narrative Writing (Adapting/Writing Stories)

Unit 5: Learning Through Reading, Opinion Writing (Changing the World)

Grammar: Adjectives, Verbs, Contractions

Fourth Nine Weeks:

Unit 6: Testing as a Genre (Reading & Writing)

Unit 7: Growing Within and Across Texts, Informational Writing (Developing as Writers)

Grammar: Editing Skills

Social Studies Curriculum (South Carolina History):

First Nine Weeks:

Places and Regions, Native Americans, Explorers

Second Nine Weeks:

Explorers (continued), Settlers, Events Leading to the Revolutionary War

Third Nine Weeks:

Revolutionary War, Events Leading to the Civil War

Fourth Nine Weeks:

Civil War, 20th Century

Science Curriculum

Science in grade three focuses on students conducting investigations in which they collect and analyze data and communicate their findings. Learning to observe and analyze through hands-on experiments, students gain new insights into how scientists understand our world. Inquiry skills are taught throughout all units.

First Nine Weeks:

Landforms and Water Features, Rocks and Minerals

Second Nine Weeks:

Plant Habitats and Adaptations, Animal Habitats and Adaptations

Third Nine Weeks:

Animal Habitats and Adaptations (continued), Matter

Fourth Nine Weeks:

Electricity and Magnetism, Health

Math Curriculum

First Nine Weeks:

Foundations for Multiplication, Area, Strategies for Addition and Subtraction, Unit Fractions

Second Nine Weeks:

Fractions in Measurement and Data, Addition and Subtraction Problems Involving Measurement, Relationship between Multiplication and Division

Third Nine Weeks:

Patterns in Number Operations, Strategies for Area, Equivalent Fractions, Comparing Fractions, Problems Involving Shapes

Fourth Nine Weeks:

Multiplication and Division in Measurement Problems, Multiplication and Division Fluency

South Carolina Standards: A complete listing of standards can be accessed through the Greenville County School District website and the South Carolina State Department of Education/Education Oversight Committee websites.

www.greenville.k12.sc.us

<https://ed.sc.gov>

<http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/>

Grades:

Greenville County School District complies with the State Board of Education policy regarding a statewide uniform grading scale:

A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = Below 60

Each subject area will have at least 2 major grades every grading period. Reading, Language Arts, and Math will each have at least 7 minor grades, while Science and Social Studies will each have at least 5.

Content Area	Minor	Major	
Reading	60% Weekly reading skills quizzes	40% Unit tests	
Language Arts	60% Weekly grammar skills quizzes	30% Cumulative grammar skills tests	10% Weekly Spelling tests
Math	60% Weekly skills quizzes	40% Unit tests	
Science	60% Content quizzes, lab participation	40% Unit tests, rubric based projects	
Social Studies	60% Content quizzes, class activities,	40% Unit tests, rubric based projects	

Reporting of student progress:

- **Weekly folders:** Graded papers will be sent home every week.
- **Progress Reports:** Students will receive an official progress report every 4 ½ weeks.
- **Report Cards:** Students will receive their report card once each nine week period per the district calendar dates.

Homework Policy: Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday and may include Reading Log, Math skills practice, and/or Spelling practice.