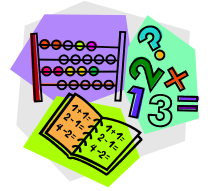


THIRD GRADE

Third grade can be an exciting time for your child! Listed below are some of the skills that will be taught throughout the school year. The list is only a sampling of the many things third graders will learn in Scotland County Schools.



Language Arts

- ✦ Count syllables in a word and change the beginning, middle, and ending sounds to produce new words.
- ✦ Read aloud grade-appropriate texts with fluency, comprehension, and expression.
- ✦ Identify and interpret elements of fiction and nonfiction.
- ✦ Read independently daily from self-selected materials to increase fluency, build background knowledge, and extend vocabulary.
- ✦ Summarize ideas in stories or informational text.
- ✦ Draw conclusions, make generalizations and gather support by referencing the text.
- ✦ Increase sight vocabulary, reading vocabulary, and writing vocabulary through wide reading, word study, discussion, book talks, and studying author's craft/purpose.
- ✦ Respond to fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama using interpretive, critical, and evaluation processes.
- ✦ Compose and contrast printed and visual information (e.g., graphs, charts, maps).
- ✦ Use correct capitalization and punctuation in writing.
- ✦ Compose two or more paragraphs with topic sentences, supporting details, logical sequence, and sufficient elaboration.
- ✦ Produce work and written compositions that follow the conventions of such types as personal narrative, short report, friendly letter, directions/instructions.
- ✦ Explore technology as a tool to create a written product.
- ✦ Use legible manuscript and cursive handwriting.



Math

- ✦ Read, write and order numbers from 0-9,999.
- ✦ Develop fluency with addition and subtraction.
- ✦ Build an understanding of place value (ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands).
- ✦ Develop fluency with multiplication from 1x1 to 12x12.
- ✦ Use basic properties (identity, commutative, associative, order of operations) for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- ✦ Compare, explore, and order fractions (halves, thirds, and fourths).
- ✦ Use mixed numbers and their equivalent fractions.
- ✦ Explore and develop strategies to understand elapsed time and equivalent measurements.
- ✦ Estimate and measure the capacity, length, mass, and temperature of various objects.
- ✦ Explore two and three-dimensional shapes.
- ✦ Collect, analyze, and display data with various graphs.
- ✦ Solve probability problems.
- ✦ Discover and explain patterns and simple mathematical relationships.
- ✦ Solve word problems appropriate to grade level.



Social Studies

- ⌚ Identify and exhibit qualities of responsible citizenship in the classroom, school, and other social environments.
- ⌚ Compare individuals, families, and communities.
- ⌚ Exhibit an understanding of change in communities over time.
- ⌚ Understand the relationship between people and geography in various communities.
- ⌚ Analyze how people depend on the physical environment and use natural resources to meet basic needs.
- ⌚ Apply basic economic concepts and evaluate the uses of economic resources within communities.
- ⌚ Recognize how technology is used at home, at school, and in the community.
- ⌚ Analyze the role of real and fictional heroes in shaping the cultures of communities.

Science

- ✦ Learn by watching, questioning, and gathering information.
- ✦ Build an understanding of plant growth and adaptations.
- ✦ Identify and explore the basic components and properties of soil.
- ✦ Explore the effects of soil through plant investigations.
- ✦ Build an understanding of compost.
- ✦ Investigate the earth/moon/sun system.
- ✦ Explore functions of bones and muscles in the human body.

