

Preparing for Third Grade

Math:

- If possible, your child should be able to read the time correctly upon entering 3rd grade. Buy a face clock for you home, if you don't already have one. Review with your child the difference between the hour and minute hands. Have your child tell the time when you leave and come home.
- Have your child work on his or her multiplication tables. Buy your child addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division flashcards (or make your own). Set up a schedule 3 times a week for 10 minutes that your child can study the cards.
- Introduce fractions to your child when you cut a pizza or pie. ("How much of the pie is left?")
- Cook and bake with your child. Introduce him/her to kitchen measuring tools. (e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup)
- Play number games with your child such as Uno, Dominoes, etc.
- While traveling in the car, have your child read population numbers with you. (50,000 = fifty thousand)
- Have your child work with money by having him/her add up your change from groceries.

Reading:

- Encourage your child to read anything and everything. This includes books, magazines, and even comics.
- While traveling in the car, read aloud to your child.
- In the car, have your child find names of streets or places that begin with different letters and have him/her pronounce the words out loud to you.

Language Arts:

- Have your child keep a journal about his/her year-long activities or about what he/she reads.
- Doing even simple things such as identifying words that are nouns, verbs, etc. will help your child in English.

Social Studies and Science:

- Have your child choose one of the following topics that we will be learning about this year and have him/her research about them on the computer or library.

Classification of Animals

Ancient Rome

Astronomy

Vikings

Human Body

Native Americans (Hopi and Zuni)

Sound

Thirteen Colonies

Handwriting and Spelling:

- Tell your child the groceries that are needed and have him/her write out the list.
- Have your child keep a weeklong calendar of activities he/she will be doing. Have him/her write down the days of the weeks.
- Have your child work on writing his/her letters. We will be learning how to write in cursive this year.