



Hudson School District

Curriculum Overview - **GRADE THREE**

Throughout the Third Grade year, students will learn the following topics through units of study, concepts, skills, and activities:

English Language Arts

Reading

- Read closely to find main ideas and details in text
- Make connections in stories about order of events, sequence, and cause/effect
- Compare/contrast stories or ideas in two different texts
- Read fiction and nonfiction text with fluency
- Use skills to decode words and find meaning

Writing

- Write creative narratives with developed story elements
- Produce argumentative writing with details to support an opinion
- Conduct research from multiple media sources and write organized information

Language

- Use resources (dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to write and spell words correctly
- Differentiate between literal and figurative meanings of phrases and words

Mathematics

In Third Grade, instructional time will focus on 4 critical areas:

- Strategies for multiplication and division within 100
- Developing understanding of fractions
- Developing understanding of the structure of rectangular arrays and of area
- Describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes

Students will concentrate on the following skills and understandings:

- Represent and solve word problems involving multiplication and division
- Solve two step word problems using all four operations
- Explain patterns in arithmetic
- Use understanding of place value to perform multi-digit arithmetic
- Develop understanding of fractions as numbers
- Solve problems using measurement, intervals of time, liquid volumes, and masses of objects
- Represent and interpret data with picture and bar graphs
- Understand concepts of area and perimeter
- Reason with shapes and their attributes
- Understand properties of multiplication and the relationship between multiplication and division
- Multiply and divide within 100

Social Studies

Social Studies is divided into four strands: civics, economics, geography, and history. In Third Grade, these strands are explored through the following units of study:

- Immigration
- Westward Expansion
- Local Economics
- Local Government
- American Symbols and Songs
- Maps

Unified Arts

Students attend each of the following classes once a week to enhance their educational experience:

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Library

Speaking and Listening

- Participate in conversations where questions and answers lead to a deeper understanding of the topic
- Retell information learned through formal presentations and multimedia

Science

Science is divided into three primary areas: life, Earth, and physical sciences. In Third Grade, these areas are explored through the following units of study:

- Weather and Climate
- Life Cycles and Traits
- Forces and Interactions
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems