

Grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) Course Objectives

Curriculum Framework: Common Core Standards (CCS)

Instructional Materials: McGraw-Hill Wonders 2020

Program Overview

This detailed guide provides parents and newly admitted students with a comprehensive breakdown of the specific reading and writing skills developed in Grade 3. Aligned with the Common Core Standards, our curriculum ensures that students progressively build mastery from early reading foundations to advanced literary analysis, rhetoric, and scholarly writing.

Reading Objectives:

- Master complex phonics and multi-syllabic word decoding, alongside acquiring new vocabulary through context clues and word parts.
- Analyze character traits, motivations, feelings, and how plot events unfold in a story.
- Determine the author's main purpose and explain how perspective shapes a text.
- Compare the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author.

Writing Objectives:

Writing Focus: Story writing (narrative), sharing opinions (opinion/argumentative), and explaining facts (informative/explanatory)

- Compose multi-paragraph informative reports structured around a central topic with facts and definitions.
- Write structured narratives featuring dialogue and descriptive actions to develop character responses.
- Construct opinion essays supported by text evidence and logical reasons.

Grade 3 Mathematics – Admission Exam Study Guide

Even and Odd Numbers

Description: Distinguishing numbers that can be split into equal pairs (even) from those with a leftover (odd).

Example: Identify if 24 is even (ends in 4, divisible by 2) or odd.

Different Ways to Write Numbers

Description: Expressing numbers using standard form, word form, and base ten blocks.

Example: Writing 452 as "four hundred fifty-two"

Place Value to 1,000

Description: Identifying the value of digits in hundreds, tens, and ones places up to 1,000.

Example: In 783, the digit 7 represents 7 hundreds.

Expanded Form

Description: Representing a number as the sum of the values of each digit.

Example: The expanded form of 528 is $500 + 20 + 8$.

Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s

Description: Continuing skip-counting sequences by intervals of 2, 5, or 10.

Example: Counting by fives: 15, 20, 25, 30, ...

Compare Numbers

Description: Evaluating multi-digit numbers using greater than, less than, or equal symbols.

Example: Compare 642 and 624: $642 > 624$.

Digit Addition and Subtraction with Regrouping

Description: Performing vertical addition and subtraction requiring carrying over or borrowing.

Example: Subtracting $432 - 145$ using regrouping.

Identify Polygons

Description: Recognizing closed two-dimensional shapes made with straight line segments.

Example: Naming shapes like triangles, quadrilaterals, and pentagons.