

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year, there are many language arts and math skills your child will learn. In order to move successfully to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, your child must master certain skills called exit criteria. Your child will be learning many more skills than those included in the exit criteria. However, the skills listed below are the minimum required to move to the next grade level. As we work with your child at school to learn these skills, we encourage you to work as our partner to practice these skills at home.

**Exit Criteria for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:**

**Language Arts**

- Read and comprehend at the 25th percentile as measured by MAP and/or classroom assessment tools.
- Read minimum 85 words per minute on 3rd grade reading passage
- Complete a minimum of three published writing pieces (opinion, informative, narrative, reflective)

**Math**

- Math level of 25th percentile as measured by MAP and/or classroom assessment tools
- Reads and writes whole numbers 0-10,000
- Orders and compares whole numbers through ten thousands place
- Identifies place value through ten thousands place
- Adds and subtracts within one thousand with and without regrouping
- Knows multiplication facts (0's, 1's, 2's, 5's)
- Recognizes and labels basic fractions (Whole,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ )
- Tells time to the nearest hour, half hour, quarter hour, and 5 minutes
- Measures length to the nearest inch and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch
- Find the area of a 2D model with a grid
- Find the perimeter of a 2D model
- Identify basic quadrilaterals (square, rectangle, rhombus, trapezoid, parallelogram)

If the classroom teacher is concerned about your child's progress, these steps will be followed:

**End of First Nine Weeks**

- Classroom teacher/parent contact
- Discuss student needs and ways to help
- Possibility of extra year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade discussed

\*Students enrolling after the first five weeks of school will be notified by the classroom teacher within four weeks of the enrollment date.

**End of Second Nine Weeks**

- Written communication sent to parent about student progress
- Classroom teacher/parent meet in an Exit and Review Committee meeting
- Possibility of extra year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Develop a plan for helping your child
- Ongoing parent updates

**At Least Five Weeks Prior to End of School Year**

- Letter sent to parent stating extra year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade needed
- Classroom teacher/parent/school administrator meet
- School administrator explains Review and Appeal Procedure to parent

**All placement decisions will take into consideration the following:**

- Age
- Physical and social development
- Academic level in language arts and math
- Any identified disabilities

Sincerely,

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Sign, and return this portion to your child’s teacher. Please keep the rest of this letter at home for your reference as you work with your child at home.

I have received and read the exit criteria guidelines for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature

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Date