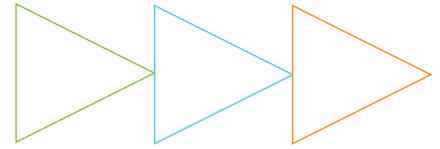


# Family Road Map for Third grade



*An overview of your child's academic, social and emotional growth, courtesy of Eudora Elementary School*

## Academic Top 5

Here are some of the things that students learn during their third grade year. If you'd like more details, contact your child's teacher, or visit [www.eudoraschools.org/empower](http://www.eudoraschools.org/empower) to see a generic copy of the third grade report card.

1. **Math:** Multiplication and division, as well as fractions. Multiplication dances help students remember their math facts!
2. **Reading:** In addition to both fiction and non-fiction texts, students read and learn about the features of poetry, fairy tales and fables.
3. **Social studies:** Focus on communities, as well as understanding maps. Guest speakers from the community enrich this curriculum.
4. **Science:** Scientific method, experiments, forces and motion, living organisms, and rocks and minerals. Students work in small groups to complete a science fair project.
5. **Writing:** Spelling and grammar, as well as six traits of writing: ideas, voice, organization, sentence fluency, word choice and conventions. Students write a personal narrative, opinion piece and non-fiction research paper. Cursive handwriting is introduced.



## COOL things about third grade

Third graders are unique! Here are a few of the many things that make this age special...

- Third graders are full of energy and imagination! They love jokes and typically are easily motivated by encouragement and redirection.
- Students at this age tend to be impatient and can quickly feel discouraged if success doesn't come immediately. Small steps and recognition of progress make a big difference for third graders.
- Even though failure and disappointment are a natural part of the learning process for everyone, third graders tend to bounce back from these experiences quickly with a bit of encouragement and support.
- The Adopt-a-Grandparent partnership with the Eudora nursing home creates experiences for students to practice both communication and empathy skills.

## Social emotional skills & behavior

Here are some of the developmental skills and phases that are typical at this age:

- As academic expectations increase in third grade, third graders may have anxiety about their schoolwork. Encourage your child to do his or her best, but emphasize that perfection in every aspect of life is not possible or expected. Let us know if anxiety brings more serious warning signs, such as inability to sleep or sleeping too much, sudden changes in eating habits or concentration, risky behaviors or no interest in school, friends or activities.
- Homework often increases in third grade, and students at this age are able to take charge. Provide a quiet place to work and be available to help, but ask your child to complete most work independently.
- Friendships with classmates are at the top of the priority list, and kids may shut parents out of the details of their lives as they become more independent.
- Healthy bodies make for healthy minds, and parents are the biggest influence on kids' decisions. Take time to explain your expectations about tobacco, alcohol and drug use, and touch base now and then to keep the lines of communication open.

## Questions?

If you have questions, or believe your child might benefit from more support in any area of learning and growth, here are some resources:

- **Your student's teacher** is a great first checkpoint if you have questions or concerns about academic progress or experiences at school.
- **Our school principals** are a good resource if you have concerns or questions about your child that extend beyond the classroom or aren't able to be resolved with your child's teacher.
- If your student seems to be struggling with social and emotional skills or is going through a stressful time with family or friends, our **WRAP worker (mental health professional) or school counselors** can help. You can reach these professionals by calling the school office.