

Preparing for 3rd Grade

Things Your Student Can Do Over the Summer to Help Them Be Successful

Welcome!

I am already excited about next year! I have a lot of new things planned for next year to help prepare your student for the years ahead. Here are a few examples:

- ▶ Students will be keeping a blog. This will really strengthen their writing skills, teach them about internet safety, teach them how to form and support opinions with facts, and get them even more comfortable with technology.
- ▶ We will be doing multiple Project-Based Learning (PBL) assignments in each subject area. This will challenge students to think critically and gain a deeper understanding of content. They will learn how to apply the things they learn to real-life situations.
- ▶ Daily Bits: Every morning, students will answer four problems that review content we have covered earlier in the year. Every day, the problems will cover a different subject. This will help them retain information already covered by constantly being in review, even while learning new content.

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- ▶ The first couple weeks of school, we will spend a lot of time reviewing skills they learned in the second grade.
- ▶ Much of the content in third grade will build on acquired second grade content.
- ▶ There are skills from second grade that they should be reviewing throughout the summer months so that they do not lose them.
- ▶ There are also new things that they can be working on over the summer that will give them a great jump-start on third grade!

Reading

Reading! Reading! Reading! Hopefully your student has been reading 20 to 30 minutes at home every evening throughout the second grade. Make sure that time wasn't wasted! If they stop reading daily over the summer months, they can quickly lose ground that they gained in the second grade in terms of speed and accuracy. Keep up the momentum! Reading with your child every day during the summer is the most important thing you can do with them to help them be successful at school.

Here is a great summer reading list for kids entering third grade. Click on the type of book (picture book, novel, etc.) to view a list of books.

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Math

The third grade year is a HUGE math year. This is the year that they learn their multiplication and division facts and are introduced to fractions. There are several things that you can be practicing with them over the summer to make learning these new math procedures a little easier.

- ▶ Practice determining place value. What number is in the hundreds column, tens column, and ones column?
- ▶ Practice rounding up and down to the nearest hundred, ten, and one.
- ▶ Work with them on skip-counting. Have them count as far as they can by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s...all the way through 10s. Skip-counting is the foundation skill that we will use to introduce multiplication.
- ▶ Let your child help you measure ingredients when you are cooking. This is a great introduction to fractions!

See You Next Year

Obviously, the main purpose of summer vacation is to take a break and have fun! But we also don't want them to lose ground gained in the second grade. Keeping them reading throughout their summer break will help us hit the ground running when the new year starts. Any math review and skip-counting practice that you can fit in will make math that much easier for them next year as we introduce a lot of new types of problems and concepts.

If you would like a printed summer reading list and/or practice worksheets that your child can work on during summer break, please send me an email (Lwisely@humer8.k12.mo.us). I will give it to Mrs. Schow to send home with them.

I look forward to getting to know you and my new class next year! It's going to be a great one!!