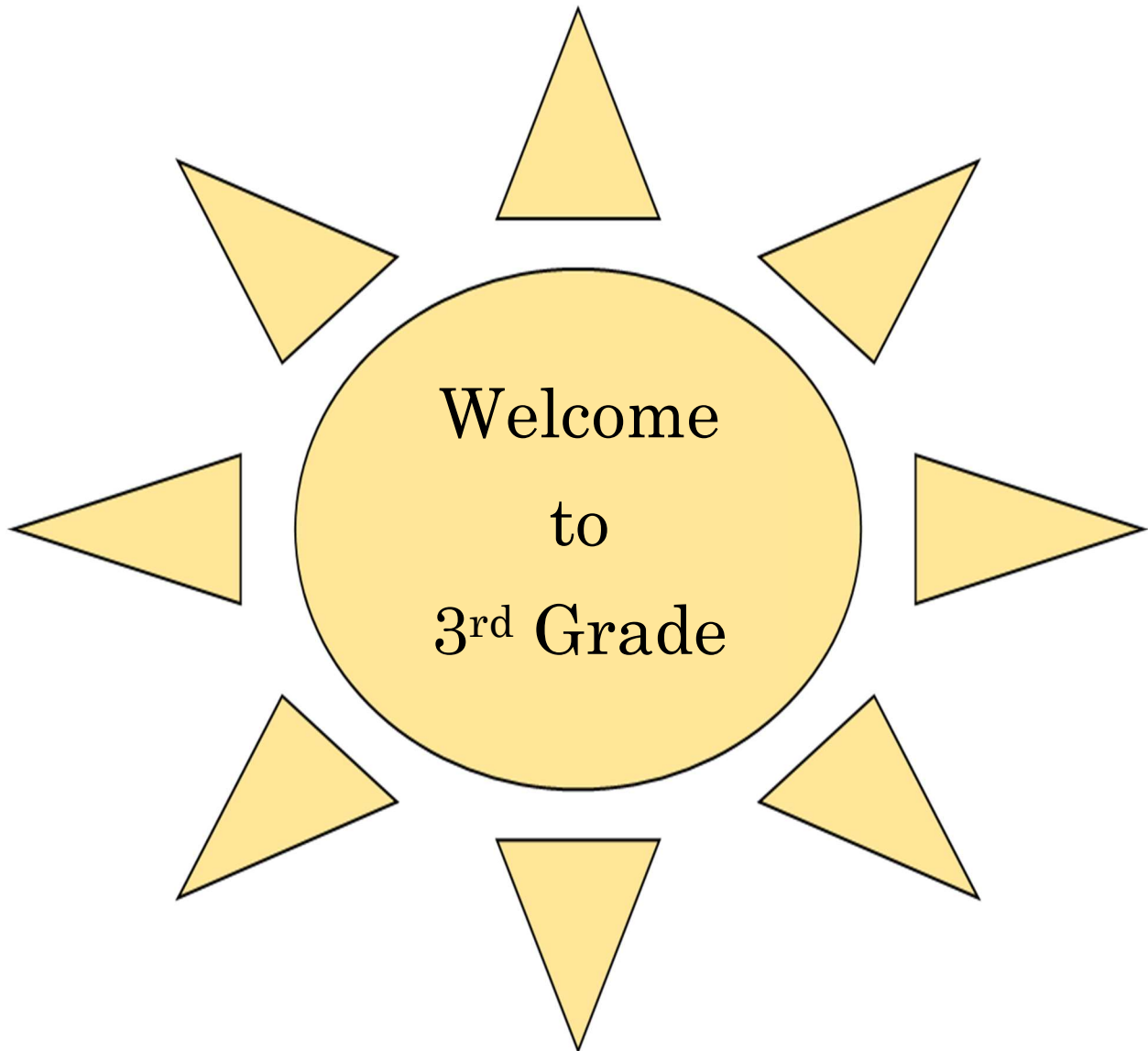


Blankner K8



**Suggested Summer Activities for
Rising 3rd Graders**

What to Expect in 3rd Grade

READING TO LEARN: 3rd grade is a big change for students because the focus shifts from **learning to read** to **reading to learn**. Students work on building their reading stamina, finding evidence in the text to answer questions, and determining the meaning of unknown words and phrases. Students do a lot of close reading in 3rd grade, which means they read texts several times for different purposes. The class reads together often, but students will be expected to read grade level texts independently as well.

GRADES: Teachers want parents to know that 3rd grade is very rigorous and there is a great deal of standards to cover during the year. There is a possibility you may see the challenges of the 3rd grade curriculum reflected in the grades your child earns. Your child will have to work hard, listen well, participate actively, and ask for help when they need it.

RESPONSIBILITY: 3rd graders will be responsible for getting their planners signed, completing and returning homework, and bringing necessary items to school each day. Students may need help getting into the routine at the beginning of the year, but should be able to take responsibility as the year progresses.

HOMEWORK: Students are expected to read nightly for 30 minutes, complete reading and math homework, practice multiplication facts, and spend time on i-Ready during the week. Teachers encourage parents to check over their child's homework so they can get one-on-one help if needed.

MULTIPLICATION FACTS: Students are expected to have their multiplication facts mastered (0-10) before the beginning of the 4th quarter. Students will practice their facts in class, but it will be necessary for them to practice at home as well. Teachers recommend multiplication flash cards, apps and websites, such as **xtramath.org**.

i-READY: After taking diagnostic tests at the beginning, middle, and end of the year, the i-Ready computer program will assign your child lessons based on their needs in reading and math. 3rd grade teachers encourage students to spend 45 minutes completing lessons each week. If your child does not have access to a computer at home, please let your child's teacher know. Blankner offers a morning computer lab time to those that need it.

ACCELERATED READER (AR): 3rd grade is the first year students use Accelerated Reader (AR). This is a program where students take short computer tests on books they have read independently. The tests can only be taken at school. Every student has an individualized point goal to reach each nine weeks. The goal is determined by the how students do on the STAR test, which is given several times a year. Once students are given their reading level, parents can support their child with AR by making sure they are reading "just right" books. You can visit **arbookfind.com** to find out the reading levels of books you have at home, or find at the library and bookstore.

FSA TESTING: 3rd grade is also the first year of FSA testing. Students take Reading and Math FSA tests in April. Students will be well prepared for the tests, but it is important to know that 3rd grade is a high stakes grade level. This means that students must pass the Reading FSA to move on to 4th grade. Because of this, we want you to know how important it is that we have your support with attendance, homework, and helping your child with responsibility and independence.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

WE WILL SEE YOU AT MEET THE TEACHER!

Summer Activities for Upcoming 3rd Graders

Language Arts

Have your child read for at least 30 minutes a day. Encourage your child to read out loud to someone once week. Time them for one minute to see how many words they can read. Upcoming 3rd graders should be able to read 77 words per minute.

Encourage your child to keep a journal about what they do each day or week of summer break. Check their writing over for capitals, periods, and spelling. They can also write summaries about each book they read.

Give your child a spelling bee using the 3rd grade word list. Have him or her practice the words that were spelled incorrectly. They can write them 3 times each, make rainbow words, pyramid words, or text them to a family member.

Math

If your child doesn't have a watch, we highly recommend getting one. The summer is a great time to practice telling time. Introduce time words like quarter and half past. Discuss how long activities will take.

Make sure your child has their addition and subtraction facts down pat and then start working on those multiplication facts! There are lots of great apps, workbooks, and websites out there to help.

Keep a notepad in the car. When you are driving, have your child look out their window for numbers. They can pick two or more to add or subtract. They can also draw shapes they see and name them.

If you are visiting family or friends, have your child survey the group and create a tally table, bar graph, picture graph, and line plot. Some possible surveys: What is your favorite season? Holiday? Sport? Game?

Science

Encourage your child's curiosity. Have them create a list of wonderings and plan investigations to find the answers. Make sure they make a hypothesis before they start! Encourage them to share their results with the family. For some inspiration, visit: <https://babbledabble.com/20-science-fair-projects/>.

Have your child cut out animal and plant pictures from magazines and group them based on what attributes they have in common.

Social Studies

Have your child help navigate during a car trip to practice using cardinal directions.

If you are traveling out of Florida, make sure you show your child the route of the trip and what states you are passing through. Discuss what US region you are in. Collect postcards along the way and bring them in when school starts.

Study a world map and practice naming the continents and oceans. Label the northern, southern, eastern and western hemispheres.

Read a biography about a famous person in history and create a project, such as a Power Point, video, poster, or comic.

3rd Grade Frequently Misspelled Words

1. about
2. again
3. always
4. and
5. another
6. around
7. asked
8. because
9. before
10. every
11. family
12. first
13. friend
14. from
15. girl
16. give
17. going
18. hear
19. here
20. knew
21. know
22. learn
23. little
24. many
25. money
26. off
27. our
28. people
29. pretty
30. receive
31. said
32. school
33. their
34. then
35. there
36. they
37. things
38. third
39. thought
40. to
41. too
42. tried
43. two
44. until
45. very
46. went
47. were
48. when
49. where
50. with