

Skills Overview Grade 3




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Back to School

Start the year off with the story "The Rules" to introduce the reading strategies.

Grade at a Glance

	Reading		Word Work	
	Comprehension Skills and Strategies	Information and Study Skills	Decoding Longer Words Structural Analysis/Phonics	Spelling
<p>Theme 1: Off to Adventure! <i>Adventures come in all shapes and sizes.</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sequence of Events ✓ Making Inferences ✓ Cause and Effect <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Predict/Infer Summarize Monitor/Clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parts of a Book How to Read a Key Using the Dictionary How to Read a Map Using a K-W-L Chart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Base Words Syllabication Inflectional Endings <i>-ed, -ing</i> Phonics: Short Vowels <i>a, e, i</i> More Short Vowels <i>o, u</i> Vowel-Consonant-e Pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Short Vowels <i>a, e, i</i> ✓ More Short Vowels <i>o, u</i> ✓ Vowel-Consonant-e Pattern
<p>Theme 2: Celebrating Traditions <i>The United States has a rich cultural heritage.</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Author's Viewpoint ✓ Categorize and Classify ✓ Noting Details ✓ Topic, Main Idea, Details <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evaluate Question Summarize Monitor/Clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taking Notes How to Take Notes Using the Library How to Skim and Scan Conduct an Interview How to Follow a Recipe How to Follow Directions Outlining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Compound Words Plurals: Add <i>-s</i>; change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> Contractions with <i>'s, n't, 're, 'll</i> Plurals with Words Ending in <i>ch, sh, x, s</i> Phonics: Long Vowels <i>ai, ay, ee, ea</i> Long <i>o</i> Sound Three-Letter Clusters and Unexpected Consonant Patterns Long <i>i</i> Sounds <i>i, ie, igh</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ More Long Vowel Spellings ✓ Long <i>o</i> Sound ✓ Three-Letter Clusters and Unexpected Consonant Patterns ✓ The Long <i>i</i> Sound
<p>Theme 3: Incredible Stories <i>Some stories are too wild to be believed!</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fantasy and Realism ✓ Following Directions ✓ Drawing Conclusions ✓ Story Structure <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Question Evaluate Predict/Infer Monitor/Clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using an Atlas ✓ Using Charts, Tables, and Graphs How to Read a Diagram Using Newspapers to Find Information Using the Encyclopedia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Plurals of Nouns Ending in <i>-f</i> or <i>-fe</i> Word Endings <i>-er, -est</i> Suffixes <i>-y, -ly</i> Prefixes <i>un-, dis-, non-</i> Phonics: Vowel Sounds in <i>clown</i> and <i>lawn</i> Vowel <i>+ /r/</i> Sounds The <i>/j/, /k/, and /kw/</i> Sounds Homophones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vowel Sounds in <i>clown</i> and <i>lawn</i> ✓ Vowel <i>+ /r/</i> Sounds ✓ The <i>/j/, /k/, and /kw/</i> Sounds ✓ Sounds Homophones



Spiral Review

Spiral Review lessons provide systematic review and practice of key skills.

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Pacing

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Writing and Language					Cross-Curricular
Vocabulary Skills and Expansion	Reading-Writing Workshop	Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics	Writing	Listening/Speaking/Viewing	Content Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dictionary: ABC Order ✓ Vocabulary: Multiple-Meaning Words ✓ Parts of a Dictionary Sea Creatures Battle Words Camping Words 	<p>Personal Narrative</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Writing a Good Beginning</p> <p>Keeping to the Topic</p> <p>Sentence Combining</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What Is a Sentence? ✓ Kinds of Sentences ✓ Subjects and Predicates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using Commas in Dates and Places ✓ Capitalizing Days and Months Friendly Letter Response Journal Entry Paragraph That Explains Transforming Questions into Statements 	<p>Have a Literature Discussion</p> <p>Introduce Yourself and Others</p> <p>Tell a Story</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>Science</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocabulary: Word Families ✓ Dictionary: Guide Words ✓ Vocabulary: Rhyming Words ✓ Dictionary: Definitions Sewing Words Ranching Words Travel Words Food Words 	<p>Instructions</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Sequencing</p> <p>Being Complete</p> <p>Using Exact Nouns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Common Nouns ✓ Proper Nouns ✓ Singular and Plural Nouns ✓ Special Plural Nouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Correcting Run-on Sentences ✓ Writing Complete Sentences Paragraphs That Compare and Contrast Character Sketch An Answer to a Question News Article Compound Sentences with <i>and</i> and <i>but</i> Audience 	<p>Follow and Give Oral Directions</p> <p>Take a Telephone Message</p> <p>View Illustrations for Purpose</p> <p>Explain a Process</p>	<p>Social Studies</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Math</p> <p>Science</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vocabulary: Using Context ✓ Dictionary: Choosing the Correct Meaning ✓ Dictionary: Pronunciation Key ✓ Vocabulary: Using a Thesaurus Words for Fantasy and Realism Italian Words and Phrases Farm Words Garden Words 	<p>Story</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Developing a Plot</p> <p>Developing Characters and Setting</p> <p>Using Possessive Nouns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Possessive Nouns ✓ What Is a Verb? ✓ Present Time ✓ Past Time and Future Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using Commas for Direct Address ✓ Using Commas with Introductory Phrases ✓ Capitalization and Punctuation with Quotation Marks Journal Entry Thank-You Note Opinion Paragraph Dialogue 	<p>View an Illustration</p> <p>Present a Reader's Theater Performance</p> <p>Have a Conversation</p> <p>Hold a Debate</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>Science</p>

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<p>Theme 4: Animal Habitats <i>Animals coexist with people in a variety of habitats.</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fact and Opinion ✓ Compare and Contrast ✓ Making Judgments <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monitor/Clarify Evaluate Summarize 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Multimedia Resources How to Use SQRR Skim and Scan Adjusting Rate of Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Syllabication and Review Word Endings <i>-ed, -ing</i> and Changing Final <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> Prefixes <i>un-, re-</i>; Suffixes <i>-ful, -ly, -er</i> Phonics: Vowel plus <i>/r/</i> Sounds in <i>hair</i> Consonant Clusters Digraphs <i>ch, sh, th, tch, wh, wr</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vowel plus <i>/r/</i> Sounds in <i>hair</i> ✓ Added Endings ✓ Prefixes and Suffixes
<p>Theme 5: Voyagers <i>No matter where they travel, voyagers have a lot in common.</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Making Inferences ✓ Predicting Outcomes ✓ Text Organization <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Predict/Infer Question Monitor/Clarify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using a Time Line How to Read a Diagram Multimedia Report Using Graphic Organizers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: Suffixes <i>-less, -ness</i> Possessives VCCV Pattern Phonics: Vowel Sounds in <i>tooth</i> and <i>cook</i> Vowel Sound in <i>bought</i> Double Consonants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vowel Sounds in <i>tooth</i> and <i>cook</i> ✓ Vowel Sound in <i>bought</i> ✓ VCCV Pattern
<p>Theme 6: Smart Solutions <i>Sometimes it helps to look at a problem in a new way.</i></p> 	<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Problem Solving ✓ Drawing Conclusions ✓ Making Generalizations <p>Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Summarize Predict/Infer Evaluate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Following Directions Bilingual Dictionary Real-Life Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Structural Analysis: VCCCV Pattern VCV Pattern Contractions Phonics: Words Ending with <i>-er</i> or <i>-le</i> Words Beginning with <i>a</i> or <i>be</i> Soft <i>c</i> and Soft <i>g</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Words Ending with <i>-er</i> or <i>-le</i> ✓ Words Beginning with <i>a</i> or <i>be</i> ✓ Contractions



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Dictionary: Syllables ✔ Vocabulary: Analogies ✔ Dictionary: Homophones Words for Ship Parts Family Words Words Used on Ships 	<p>Description</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Ordering Information</p> <p>Using Sensory Language</p> <p>Writing Complete Sentences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Subject Pronouns ✔ Object Pronouns ✔ Possessive Pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Writing Dates and Times Writing a Play Message Learning Log Entry Using Exclamations Writing Complete Information 	<p>Present an Oral Book Report</p> <p>Develop Nonverbal Communication Skills</p> <p>Practice Group</p> <p>Problem-Solving</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>Science</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Dictionary: Synonyms ✔ Dictionary: Antonyms ✔ Dictionary: Spelling Table Names of Languages Night Noises Restaurant Words 	<p>Persuasive Essay</p> <p>Writing Process</p> <p>Stating Goals and Giving Reasons</p> <p>Using Facts and Examples</p> <p>Correcting Run-on Sentences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✔ Adjectives ✔ Comparing with Adjectives ✔ Adverbs 	<p>Announcement</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Essay</p> <p>Ordering Important Information</p> <p>Paraphrasing</p> <p>Telling More with Adverbs</p>	<p>Resolve a Conflict</p> <p>Give a Persuasive Speech</p> <p>Dramatize a Story</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>Social Studies</p>