

Thinking Third Graders

Language Growth



- **3rd Graders are increasing their word usage and knowledge**
- **They can discuss subjects at a deeper level**
- **3rd Graders can make logical inferences by putting together pieces of information to understand a message**
- **They can predict**
- **3rd Graders discuss books, articles, and short stories they have read in detail**
- **They will tell detailed occurrences of their lives**
- **3rd Graders ask questions to clarify information**
- **They can analyze and clarify language**

Knowledge Growth



- **3rd Graders are very interested in discovering the past**
- **They understand concepts at a deeper level**
- **3rd Graders start reading at about a wisdom level 14 and should end at wisdom level 17**
- **They are using The Writer's Craft as they write**
- **3rd Graders can focus for a longer periods of time**
- **If a topic interests them they will explore it in depth**
- **3rd Graders will study these categories in math: Numbers, Operations, Geometry, Measurement, Graphing & Statistics, Patterns & Algebra, and Logical Reasoning**
- **They add and subtract two and three digit numbers**
- **3rd Graders read and write whole numbers**
- **They understand how place value works**
- **3rd Graders count and calculate money, use a calendar, measure with length & scale, and tell time**
- **They know multiplication and division**
- **3rd Graders can round numbers**
- **They know shape, 3-D shapes, symmetry, perimeter, volume, and space & area**
- **They know fractions, decimals, and percents**
- **3rd Graders understand basic probability and statistics**
- **They know bar graphs, line graphs, and table graphs**
- **3rd Graders discovering algebra concepts, patterns, and growing patterns**
- **They use logical reasoning when working in the area of math**
- **3rd Graders are discovering and researching science subjects in depth**
- **They are very interested in social studies topics (Geography, history, locations, holidays etc...)**

Social Growth



- **3rd Graders are interested in things and people outside their house**
- **They are joining clubs and activities**
- **Their friends are very important to them**
- **3rd Graders are very adventuresome and like to try new things**
- **They like to do things with their family so stay involved**
- **3rd Graders have internalized right and wrong actions**
- **Being fair and telling the truth are important to 3rd Graders**
- **They like to have planned days**
- **3rd Graders will have role models outside of the family**
- **They like accomplishing things**
- **3rd Graders are very self sufficient**
- **They are becoming very responsible and may help with younger siblings**
- **3rd Graders know good manners and social graces/ “Please” and “Thank You” as well as table manners and common courtesies**
- **They show respect to other people**
- **3rd Graders recognize when someone is being excluded and take the initiative to include them**
- **They are leaders**
- **3rd Graders like to keep journals and diaries**

Physical Growth



- **3rd Graders enjoy sports**
- **They skip, spin, slide, catch, kick, bounce, throw, and can hit moving objects**
- **3rd Graders know muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and how their body moves**
- **They have enough upper body strength to do handstands, cartwheels, and crab walks**
- **3rd Graders should be doing activities that require intense physical activity**

Creative Growth



- **3rd Graders are very dramatic and like to pretend**
- **They love to build and design things**
- **3rd Graders love experiments**
- **They like to do arts and crafts**
- **3rd Graders are fantastic story tellers**
- **They love to read poetry**
- **3rd Graders draw, create original designs, and discover various art**
- **They love to do arts and crafts**
- **3rd Graders love to cook**
- **They paint and draw in their own style**
- **3rd Graders love to sing and dance**
- **They write original stories and illustrate them**
- **3rd Graders will research in depth and write nonfiction articles and books**
- **They enjoy going to museums, plays, movies, and art galleries**