

OVERVIEW

Hello Third Grade Families,

Welcome to an exciting year at Asante Preparatory! This Third Grade Success Guide is designed to provide an overview of the key concepts your child will master by the year's end. It also includes helpful tips on how you can support their learning at home.

Third grade marks the beginning of upper elementary, where students develop greater independence. This includes practicing essential skills such as organization, note-taking, meeting due dates, and transitioning between classrooms. These foundational habits will help prepare them for future academic success.

This guide also outlines the special area classes your child will participate in throughout the year. At Asante, we track student progress by standard, ensuring we provide opportunities for deeper learning and acceleration when appropriate.

Third grade marks the first year of standardized state testing. This assessment helps measure student progress and ensures they meet grade-level expectations. We will provide support and practice throughout the year to help students feel confident and prepared. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential to your child's success, and we encourage you to reach out anytime with questions or ideas.

We look forward to a fantastic year of growth and learning!

-The Third Grade Team


WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

<p>Read with your child daily—make it a fun, cozy routine.</p> 	<p>Turn on closed captions on the TV.</p> 	<p>Clap out syllables in words to help with word recognition.</p> 
<p>Ask about their opinion and the reasons that support their opinion.</p> 	<p>Ask questions about the story characters and events.</p> 	<p>Ask what will happen next in a book or show.</p> 
<p>Use flashcards or apps for word and passage reading.</p> 	<p>Make books to teach others about topics they know about.</p> 	<p>Talk about the meaning of words. Make a family dictionary.</p> 
<p>Discuss situations that use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</p> 	<p>Use flashcards or apps for adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying.</p> 	<p>Cook together and practice measuring ingredients in volume and mass</p> 
<p>Count by 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s.</p> <p>2, 4, 6, 8 3, 6, 9, 12 5, 10, 15, 20 10, 20, 30, 40</p>	<p>Discuss situation about how far places are and how long it takes to get there</p> 	<p>Celebrate small achievements.</p> 

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

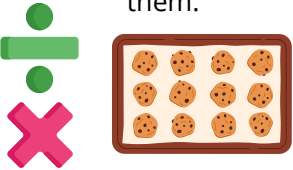


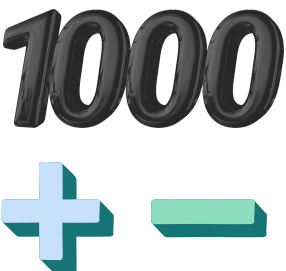
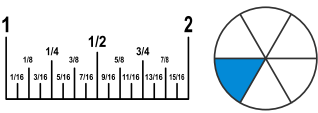

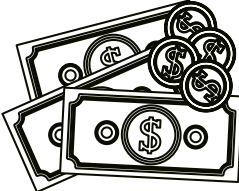

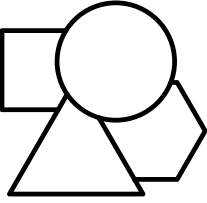
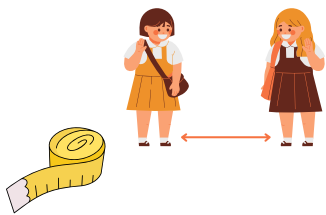
Third grade is a pivotal year for your child. Learning to read fluently will lay the foundation for future reading. Your child will practice strategies for understanding multisyllabic words and remember that words can have non-literal meanings (e.g., "a piece of cake") and connections to other words (e.g., company and companion). This will help your child read more challenging texts and build knowledge. At year's end, your child will write clear sentences and paragraphs on various topics using an expanding vocabulary.

<p>I can read grade level texts aloud accurately and fluently.</p> 	<p>I can ask and answer questions to show I understand a story, and I can use the text to help explain my answers</p> 	<p>I can identify the main ideas and supporting details in a story.</p> 
<p>I can retell fables, folktales, and myths and explain the lesson using details from the story.</p> 	<p>I can describe how sentences and paragraphs are logically connected in stories.</p> 	<p>I can compare the most important points and key details in two books on the same topic.</p> 
<p>I can distinguish between the literal and nonliteral meanings of words, such as "something's fishy" and "cold shoulder."</p> 	<p>I can research topics to build knowledge about various topics.</p> 	<p>I can use the writing process to write 3-5 paragraph essays in different genres, such as narrative, informational, and opinion writing.</p> 
<p>I can write stories that have a clear beginning, middle, and end, and show what the characters do, think, and feel.</p> 	<p>I can write an opinion and support it with reasons and facts.</p> 	<p>I can write an informational text about a topic with details.</p> 

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MATHEMATICS

In 3rd grade, your child will learn important new ideas and gain important new skills. Some of the most important topics this year are multiplication, division, and fractions. Multiplication, division, and fractions are the building blocks for many life skills that students will learn in later grades, such as percentages. Students also need to master these topics to be ready for algebra and advanced math, so it is essential to get a good start with these topics in 3rd grade.

<p>I can use pictures, objects, words, numbers, and equations to solve multiplication and division problems and become fluent with them.</p> 	<p>I can find a missing number in a multiplication or division problem.</p> $12 \div _ = 4$	<p>I can solve two-step word problems using multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction, and represent these problems with equations.</p> 
<p>I can round numbers to the nearest ten and hundred.</p> 	<p>I can add and subtract numbers within 1,000.</p> 	<p>I can represent fractions using pictures, diagrams, and number lines.</p> 
<p>I can compare two fractions using the symbols $<$, $>$, and $=$.</p> $\frac{3}{4} > \frac{1}{2}$	<p>I can measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects using metric units.</p> 	<p>I can solve problems involving time and money.</p> 
<p>I can interpret and answer questions from scaled bar and picture graphs.</p> 	<p>I can identify and list the attributes of shapes.</p> 	<p>I can measure and solve problems involving distance measurements.</p> 

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Students will explore Arizona by looking at different vital parts of the state:

- I can identify the structures that help a community grow.
 - I can explain how people in Arizona get the resources they need to survive.
 - I can think like a historian by studying how communities change over time.
 - I can describe the different cultural and ethnic groups, including the 22 Native American tribes, that make Arizona unique.
 - I can recognize famous places and natural wonders in Arizona, like the Grand Canyon.
 - I can explain how Arizona's land, weather, and resources affect people's lives.
 - I can describe how Arizona's state and local governments are organized.
 - I can explain what it means to be a good citizen and help my community in Arizona.
 - I can learn about the past by examining old and new stories, pictures, objects, and news articles.
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SCIENCE

By the end of third grade, students will better understand how the Sun provides energy for life on Earth. They will explore the properties of light and sound waves, how they travel, are detected, and transfer energy. Additionally, students will investigate how organisms have unique structures and functions that enhance their chances of survival. Students will collect and analyze observational data and simple measurements through hands-on experiments and inquiry-based learning. They will engage in the core practices of science and engineering, including:

- I can ask questions and define problems,
 - I can develop and use models
 - I can plan and carry out investigations,
 - I can analyze and interpret data
 - I can use mathematics and computational thinking,
 - I can construct explanations and design solutions
 - I can engage in argument from evidence
 - I can obtain, evaluate, and communicate information
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SPECIAL AREA CLASSES

At Asante Preparatory Academy, second-grade students participate in one-week cycles of special area classes, exploring interests in the arts, robotics, STEM, and health and fitness.

- Physical Education: Students will learn various motor skills, movement patterns, concepts, and strategies in game situations. They will also be introduced to fitness activities to encourage a healthy lifestyle and practice responsible personal and social behavior with other students.
- Art - Students will learn about various art mediums and experiment with making different styles of art projects, including drawing, painting, and collaboration.
- General Music - Students will develop a greater understanding and love of music through singing, reading, playing instruments, moving, listening, analyzing, and composing.
- IExplore- The Design Engineering Process, Coding, Robotics, Internet/Technology Safety, and Library Skills

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