



Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome to a year of exciting growth in reading, writing, and language! Third grade is a pivotal time when students develop into more independent, critical thinkers. Below is an overview of the English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum your child will experience this year.

Grammar & Conventions: Units of Study in Grammar

Grammar instruction is embedded across reading and writing using the **Units of Study in Grammar**. Students will explore how language works and apply grammar skills to communicate more clearly and effectively. This year's grammar units include:

- **Writing and Punctuating Simple Sentences**
- **Combining and Expanding Sentences**
- **Verbs, Tenses, and Dialogue**
- **Prepositions and Complex Sentences**
- **Adjectives, Adverbs, and Pronouns**

Students learn grammar in context—reading and writing with purpose, clarity, and precision.

Reading Workshop: Units of Study (2024 Edition)

In reading workshop, students build stamina, deepen comprehension, and develop thoughtful reading habits. Reading units include:

- **Building a Reading Life**
- **Mystery: Foundational Skills in Disguise**
- **Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Idea and Text Structure**
- **Character Studies**
- **Research Clubs** (integrated with science content)

Through these units, students read a mix of fiction and nonfiction, explore themes, and learn to analyze structure, characters, and ideas.

Writing Workshop: Units of Study (2024 Edition)

Students develop their voice and confidence as writers through a variety of genres. Writing units include:

- **Crafting True Stories** (Narrative)
- **Changing the World** (Opinion)
- **The Art of Information Writing**
- **An Introduction to Literary Essay**
- **Writing About Reading in the Content Areas**



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Students learn the writing process—from generating ideas to drafting, revising, editing, and publishing—while building writing stamina and fluency.

ELA Instruction by Trimester

Each trimester blends:

- **Grammar instruction** aligned to writing development
- **Daily reading and writing workshops** based on Units of Study
- **Embedded routines and supports:** read-alouds, partner work, small group instruction, and book shopping
- **Test genre preparation and skills reinforcement** in the spring

Instruction is paced based on student needs, with flexibility to ensure deep understanding and mastery. We are excited to guide your child through a year of meaningful reading and writing. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.