

Third Grade Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Resources

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Third graders are usually full of enthusiasm and have longer attention spans, which is needed in this crucial grade level. Third grade will be the first time your child participates in end of grade state testing. Help your third grader thrive using Charlotte Mecklenburg Library resources! Your child should be able to read and understand all text and use context clues to recognize and self-correct words if needed. Your child should ask questions and link comments to others during discussions. Your child will now learn to write in cursive as well and write more detailed sentences with proper conventions such as basic capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Third Grade Literacy Skills to Master

By the end of third grade, your child should be proficient in the skills in this list below. Library staff have paired free Library resources and activities to aid in the development of each skill. Click on any skill below to find out more:

- [Demonstrate understanding of the central message, lesson, or moral in a fiction text](#)
- [Main idea of a non-fiction text, then explain how the key details convey it](#)
- [Compare and contrast characters, setting, theme, plots in fiction](#)
- [Tell the difference between their point of view and the point of view of the narrator or characters.](#)
- [Organize information and ideas, plan, and write opinion, informative, and narrative pieces.](#)
- [Use digital tools to produce and publish writing and collaborate/interact with others.](#)
- [Conduct short research projects, gathering information from sources and recalling information from personal experiences.](#)
- [Determine the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words in third grade level books using context clues, word parts, reference materials.](#)

Third Grade Curriculum Information for CMS Schools

CMS has adopted the EL Education K-5 Language Arts curriculum. This comprehensive literacy curriculum involves three hours per day of content-based literacy, including four eight-week learning modules that will be covered each school year.

Lexile Levels

The EL Education curriculum uses Lexile levels to indicate the complexity of the texts that will be used in each module. This can be confusing to parents and caregivers who may not be familiar with this system. Texts are assigned a Lexile level based on word difficulty and sentence complexity. While the goal is finding books that your child is interested in and excited to read, Lexile levels can be helpful in making sure they are reading literature appropriate to their ability, in terms of vocabulary and comprehension. Keep in mind that when texts are read aloud to third grade students in class, the Lexile level is usually two to three grade levels higher than what they are capable of reading independently.

Luckily, it is possible to filter books in the Library's catalog by Lexile level, and you can learn how to do so [here](#).

Third Grade Modules and Support

Below you will find the focus and title of each of the four modules that are covered in third grade, with links to additional Library resources to support student learning for each one.

[Module 1: Reading Closely and Writing to Learn- Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far](#)

[Module 2: Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others-Adaptions and the Wide World of Frogs](#)

[Module 3: Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions- Exploring Literary Classics](#)

[Module 4: Gathering Evidence and Speaking to Others- Water Around the World](#)

Additional recommended books that are appropriate for third graders can be found [here](#).

Additional Digital Library Resources to Extend Learning:

SIRS Discoverer	Tutor.Com Homework Help	WorldBook Encyclopedia Online	OverDrive eReading Room: Kids Collection
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Additional Resources to Extend Learning (Icons for [Read Charlotte](#), [NCDPI](#), AND [CML OneAccess](#) page.

