



Report Card Companion

Third Grade

The Report Card Companion provides families more detailed information about grade-level expectations in the major content areas.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Reading Foundational Skills

- Applies phonics and word analysis skills when decoding words
- Reads with accuracy and fluency to support comprehension

Reading Literature (Comprehension)

- Asks and answers questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring to the text for answers
- Uses reading skills to understand the characters in a text
- Summarizes the main ideas or theme with evidence from the text

Reading Informational Text (Comprehension)

- Determines the main idea and supports it with key details; summarizes the text
- Determines the meaning of words and phrases used in a text
- Compares/contrasts the important points and key details in two texts on the same topic

Writing

- Picks a topic and tells a story, explains something, or shares an opinion
- Strengthens writing by planning, revising, and editing
- Uses correct grammar and punctuation rules when writing and spelling

Speaking and Listening

- Participates in class discussions using complete sentences and age appropriate language
- Reports on a topic or text or tell a story with appropriate facts and details, speaking clearly

At Grade Level in Reading

The report card will indicate if your student is at grade level in reading.

Maglev Trains

Have you ever heard of Maglev trains? A maglev train is not your ordinary train. First of all, it doesn't even touch the tracks. It actually hovers above them. Second, a maglev train is fast—very fast. Unlike ordinary trains, which travel about 150 miles per hour, maglev trains can whiz by you at nearly 350 miles per hour! Just what is a maglev train, and how does it work?

Maglev is short for magnetic levitation. Magnetic refers to magnets. Levitate mean "to float in the air." A maglev train uses magnetic forces to float and move above the tracks.

Journeys reading sample for a typical 3rd grade student by the end of the school year.

Social Studies

Learning about First Nations of North America

- Identifies the first people to live in North America, how they lived, and how they live today
- Describes how Native American cultures are similar and different
- Explains how does geography influences culture
- Describes how cultures are similar and different



Mathematics

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Multiplies and divides within 100 fluently
- Solves two step word problems involving the four operations, using a letter for the unknown amount

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

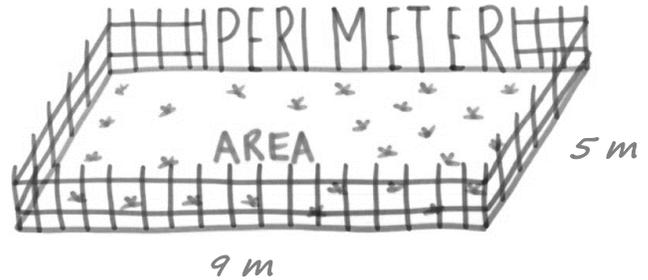
- Rounds whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100
- Adds and subtracts within 1000 using strategies and the standard algorithm

Fractions

- Understands a fraction is formed when a whole is partitioned into equal parts
- Represents fractions on a number line
- Explains equivalence in fractions
- Compares fractions and reasons about their size

Measurement and Data

- Tells and writes time to the nearest minute
- Measures and estimates liquid volumes and masses of objects
- Makes connections between perimeter and area
- Shows and interprets data on scaled bar graphs and picture graphs
- Solves problems involving perimeter of polygons



$$\text{Perimeter} = 5 + 5 + 9 + 9 = 28 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Area} = 5 \times 9 = 45 \text{ sq. m}$$

Although students can relate both area and perimeter to a rectangle's side lengths they can see that perimeter is additive while area is multiplicative.

Geometry

- Reasons with shapes and their attributes
- Partitions shapes into parts with equal areas and expresses these parts as a fraction of the whole (e.g., one-fourth)

Science

Students will learn about:

- Forces and Interactions
- Life Cycles and Inherited Traits
- Life Science Skills (fossil evidence, natural selection, adaptation)
- Weather and Climate
- Engineering and Design



Links

More information on the Washington State Learning Standards can be found at:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/LearningStandards.aspx>

<https://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=141151&pageId=142394>