

Literacy/Language Arts

To become good readers and writers, students in 3rd grade need to master written and oral communication with an emphasis on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Literacy lessons and tasks are centered around high quality texts. The texts are at the students' appropriate reading level, and are accompanied by quality tasks aligned to grow literacy skills. We also integrate thematic inquiry, independent reading and writing, and formative assessment together to increase student proficiency.

Writing

Students in 3rd grade will engage in writing a variety of texts. The teacher guides the process which focuses on increasing writing skills through:

* Ideas * Organization * Word Choice * Voice * Sentence Fluency * Conventions * Presentation

Handwriting

* Handwriting Without Tears program * Cursive writing is introduced and practiced

Spelling and Grammar

- Students learn to spell through lessons focused on morphology.
- Students engage with grammar and conventions, as they complete authentic writing tasks that integrate vocabulary, spelling and grammar into their lessons.

Homework Expectations for Literacy/Spelling

- Daily reading
- Weekly priority Fluency Passage

Science

Students in 3rd grade will explore the following themes:

- Animals Through Time
- Weather & Climate
- Plant Life
- Invisible Forces

Mathematics

Students in 3rd grade will focus on mastery of these skills:

- Introducing Multiplication
- Area and Multiplication
- Wrapping Up Addition and Subtraction Within 1,000
- Relating Multiplication to Division
- Fractions as Numbers
- Measuring Length, Time, Liquid, Volume, and Weight
- Two-dimensional Shapes and Perimeter

Homework Expectations for Mathematics:

- Reflex Math (math facts practice)

Social Studies

Students in 3rd grade will explore the following themes:

- Cultures Around the World
- Mapping
- Economics

Home/School Connections

Parents can stay connected to the classroom through:

- Email
- Phone calls
- Tuesday Newsday Email
- Newsletters
- School/Classroom Website
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Art

Students in 3rd grade will perform different art skills with various materials, exhibit creative thinking have an understanding of the basic art concepts, and identify basic art elements and design. Units typically include learning about famous artists and architecture.

Physical Education

Students in 3rd grade will develop certain skills and put them to use in game situations. They begin to learn basic rules and philosophies of games. Units include soccer, basketball, fitness activities, and fitness testing.

Music

Students in 3rd grade will sing two-part rounds and simple melodies with ostinato, read and perform solfege syllables in the pentatonic scale, identify the basic elements of form in songs, recognize & perform songs in different meters & read treble clef notes using letter names. Students also have the opportunity to perform a variety of songs for parents and families at a grade-level concert.

Technology

During computer class, students in 3rd grade will have an emphasis on research and presentations skills. They will continue keyboarding practice, with an end of year words per minute goal of 10-15 WPM. Students will learn about computer science basics, graphic design, desktop publishing, and multimedia presentations. Students also learn about internet safety and digital citizenship, as part of the district's K-12 curriculum.

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DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Importance of School Attendance

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The School District is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the Wisconsin state learning standards. Research continues to show that regular school attendance is directly related to positive student achievement and growth.

It is recognized that absence from school may be necessary under certain circumstances. Parents are encouraged to call in student absences or email to desatt@deerfield.k12.wi.us. However, in accordance with the Compulsory School Attendance laws, a student will be considered a habitual truant if he/she is "absent from school without an acceptable excuse for either of the following: part of five or more days in a semester or part or all of 10 or more days during the school year."

School hours are 7:45 am and ends at 3:00 pm.

Academic Progress & Assessments

Students in 3rd grade take a variety of assessments throughout the school year to measure their academic knowledge and progress. Some assessments are specific to the curriculum while others are standardized assessments intended to compare a student's progress with their grade level peers.

Standardized Tests

* STAR Reading and Math Assessments * WI Forward Exam * aimswebPlus

3rd Grade Curriculum

Guidance Class/School Counselor
All 5K-6 grade students will have bi-weekly guidance class taught by the school counselor. Topics are centered around empathy, managing emotions, bullying prevention, skills for learning, problem solving, personal safety, and career awareness. Parents also have the opportunity to refer their child for short-term counseling if he/she is experiencing academic, personal, or behavioral difficulties that interfere with learning.

Students have a weekly library time. Activities are planned that support and enhance the education goals of the school's curriculum. During this time students have the opportunity to make personal reading selections. Students can also visit the library, as needed, during the week.

- Library Media**
- The vision of Deerfield Elementary School library is to prepare future ready citizens by:
- Fostering a love of reading and literature
 - Empowering students to become critical seekers of information and ideas
 - Fostering curiosity