

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Standards for Parents and Teachers



### What are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Standards?

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Standards are concise, written descriptions of what students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. By the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students are expected to be able to read independently. This is the year that students begin to transition from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*. Students also need strong reading skills to learn other school subjects, such as science, history, writing, and even math.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment, which is part of the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>). The assessment will measure the following standards:

### Key Ideas and Details:

- Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

### Craft and Structure:

- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.
- Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas:

- Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).
- Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity:

- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Source: [www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/3/](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/3/)