

# THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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# STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS UNFINISHED LEARNING

- Stick to grade level content and instructional rigor
- Identify and address gaps through grade level instruction
- Focus on depth rather than pace- combine and omit lessons when possible
- Prioritize content and learning by using priority standards

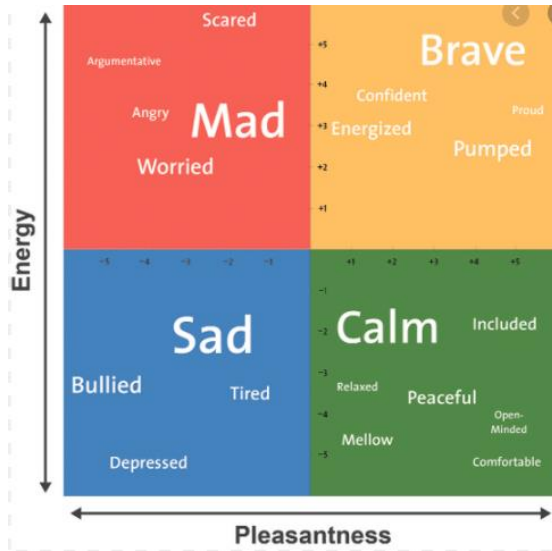
[Detailed analysis: COVID 19-Related Learning Loss](#)

[ELA & Math Anchor Standards](#)

# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

This year we will be using the **RULER curriculum**.

**RULER** is an approach to social emotional learning (SEL) that teaches emotional intelligence to people of all ages, with the goal of creating a healthier, more equitable, innovative, and compassionate society.



- R**ecognizing emotions in self and others
- U**nderstanding the causes and consequences of emotions
- L**abeling emotions accurately
- E**xpressing emotions appropriately
- R**egulating emotions effectively

**We will also do fun community building activities regularly.**

# READING & WRITING UNITS OF STUDY

We will follow the Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project virtual units of study in both reading and writing.

## Reading

Building a Reading Life
Reading to Learn
Research
Character Studies
Interpreting Poetry
Biography

## Writing

Crafting True Stories (personal narratives)
Informational Writing
Writing from research
Persuasive Essays
Literary Essays
Writing About Research
Poetry

# READING CURRICULUM

- Throughout the year students will be exposed to a variety of texts, including fiction, nonfiction, biography, short texts, poems, and books related to science and social studies.
- Third grade reading focuses on teaching kids **how to think and talk about what they read in deeper and more detailed ways.**
- Students **read longer texts,** and most read **series chapter books.**
- Many reading lessons in 3rd grade are dedicated to writing and **talking about inferencing, authors message, text evidence and important ideas in texts.**
- End of year benchmark reading level is a level P.
- When writing about their reading, students are expected to use complete sentences, identify the characters by name, and use text evidence to support their ideas.

# POPULAR THIRD GRADE SERIES BOOKS

- Judy Moody Series
- Ivy & Bean
- My Weird School
- Wayside Stories
- Mercy Watson
- Zoey Sassafras
- Magic Tree House
- Who Was?
- Ellray Jakes
- A-z Mysteries
- Jada Jones Rockstar
- Zita The Space Girl

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# WRITING CURRICULUM

- Third graders **develop sophisticated opinion, informational and narrative pieces.** They will be **writing essays, a researched piece of informational writing** and personal narratives.
- **Students will follow the writing process.** They will brainstorm, develop ideas, draft, revise, edit and create a final copy.
- Children will learn to **structure their writing into paragraphs** in all three genres. There will be greater **emphasis on focusing, organizing and connecting their ideas.**
- Students should be **using complete sentences, correct spelling, punctuation and capitalization.**

# MATH CURRICULUM

## Engage NY Modules

Properties of Multiplication and Division and Solving Problems with Units of 2-5 and 10

Place Value and Problem Solving with Units of Measure

Multiplication with Units of 0, 1, 6-9, and Multiples of 10

Multiplication and Area

Fractions as Numbers on the Number Line

Collecting and Displaying Data

Geometry and Measurement word Problems

- We will be using Engage NY Modules and Zearn as additional asynchronous instruction.
- Instruction will focus on number **fluency, problem solving, inquiry based activities, and skills practice.**
- Children will be expected to **use math models and equations** to show how they solve problems. **Students will be expected to explain strategies and math concepts in words.**
- The major work of the grade is centered around **multiplication, division, and fractions.**



# SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

We will be using NYC DOE Passport curriculum.

Third Grade will also supplement social studies with mini units:

- Geography and World Communities
- Case Study: China
- Case Study: Egypt
- Social justice concepts

Key concepts across the units will include:

- How **geography and climate** affects culture and the economy;
- How **key historical events and culture** shape a country's history,
- How **myths, legends, art and literature reflect and shape present day culture.**
- **Compare and contrast** government, customs and culture in other countries to the United States.

**Asynchronous project time will be incorporated into our schedule.**