

Preparing for Third Grade

As your child makes the transition to third grade, we understand this is a significant milestone.

Included are some activities and resources that help to keep skills sharp and prepare your child for the rigor of third grade.

Reading Responses- It is highly recommended to keep up the practice of reading responses using RACES. This type of writing and analytical comprehension will be a regular occurrence in third grade. *To keep the skill of restating the question sharp, try having your child answer questions you ask them by restating the question and answering in a complete sentence. This is an easy way to sharpen skills without it feeling like school work.

Math facts- In third grade, students will add and subtract 3 digit numbers with regrouping and begging multiplication and division. Using flashcards or a quick 3 minute fluency practice will help students build on to their current math skills when they enter third grade. You can also create fun word problems based on things you are doing throughout the summer. (Ex. If there are 100 people in line for this ride, and it holds 36 people per car, how many turns will we have to wait?)

Organization- Most third graders at CCE will have a homeroom teacher and a switch class in the afternoon. Switching classes will require students to keep their materials organized and easily accessible. You can help at home by assigning your child small areas to keep organized. (Soccer bag, desk at home, suitcase for a trip, etc.)

Stamina- In third grade, students transition into chapter books, longer reading passages and sustained writing. You can help to prepare your child for this by challenging them to read/ write for a little bit longer each day and introducing chapter books.

Other ideas- Students will have access to other resources over the summer that they can use as needed.

-iReady math and reading- Personalized pathways based on your child's strengths and weaknesses.

-Handwriting book- Students can continue working through both the manuscript and cursive sections of the book.

It is summer- Students (and their families) also deserve a much needed break. All of the activities above are optional and are encouraged to be done in moderation. My hope is that your children come into third grade prepared for the challenges ahead as well as rejuvenated and excited about learning.