

Third Grade

Here are some ideas for working with your child in reading:

- Make a trip to the library part of your weekly routine. Having books at home to read is very important. Encourage your child to check out books from the school library each week, too. Choose fiction and non-fiction books.
- Read with your child everyday. Listen to your child read and/or share the reading of a book with your child.
- Ask your child to find certain words in the book you are reading. Talk about those words and their meaning. Talk about other words that mean the same thing or the opposite of the word you are discussing.
- If you stop to focus on a word, have your child reread the whole sentence to be sure he/she understands the meaning.
- Talk about what happened in the story; characters, places, and events that took place.
- If it is a non-fiction book, ask what new information your child learned from the book. Did you learn something new too?
- Ask your child to respond to the text by writing about the book in a notebook/journal or drawing pictures to illustrate the story.
- Show your child an article from the daily newspaper. Encourage you child to read the item and then discuss it.
- Share conversations with your child over meal times and at other times when you are together (in the car, taking a walk).
- Discuss your day and encourage your child to share the events of his/her day. Use time order words like first, next, in the morning, later, in the afternoon, then, etc.
- Reread familiar books with your child. Reading a book your child knows gives him/her practice in reading comfortably and with expression.

Brain Pop Jr. is a site that creates animated content to support student engagement in the curricular areas of reading, math, science, social studies, health, and writing. Video tutorials, related activities, and games are featured to help children learn about each topic. In addition, there are suggested library books related to the topic. Content is aligned to State Standards http://www.brainpop.com/educators/state_standards/ You will need a username and password to access this site. The username and password were given to students by the school librarian. In the table below you will find suggested topics specific to EMSD63 curriculum at the Third Grade level. Explore these topics at www.brainpopjr.com . Go to the website, enter your username and password, click on the subject you would like to explore, and then type the lesson name in the search box at the top of the page. Videos and activities will download on the BrainPop screen.

Listed below are the lesson names that you can enter in Brain Pop from each subject area:

Reading	Writing	Math
Reading Nonfiction	Writing a Paragraph	Addition
Similes	Adjectives Adverbs	Subtraction
Make Inferences	Tenses	Arrays
Short Stories	Nouns Plural Nouns	Inches and Feet
Plot	Possessive Nouns	Solid Shapes
Poems	Synonyms/Antonyms	Plane Shapes
		Parts of a Whole
		Place Value
		Probability
		Cups, Quarts, Pints, Gallon
		Ounces, Pounds, Tons
		\$\$ Money
		Counting Coins
		Making Equal Groups
		Comparing Numbers
		Even and Odd

Science	Social Science	Health
Making Observations	Communities	Safety Signs
Scientific Method	Local/State Govt.	Exercise
Magnets	Reading maps	Friends
Rocks and Minerals	American Indians	Caring for Teeth
Slow Land Changes	Presidents	Washing Hands
Weather	Goods and Services	
Solar System	Natural Resources	
The Sun	Landforms	
The Moon	Rights and Responsibilities	

Changing States of Matter	U.S. Symbols	
Plants		

www.brainpop.com is another site that has many resources for third grade. The username and password are the same for this site as for the BrainPopJr. Site. Go to the website, enter your username and password, click on the subject you would like to explore, and then type the lesson name in the search box at the top of the page. Videos and activities will download on the BrainPop screen. Topic suggestions for this site include:

Math	Science	Social Science
Multiplication	Balance	Declaration of Independence
Division	Force	US Constitution
Word Problems		Bill of Rights
Problem Solving using a Table	Electricity—there are many topics using this key word	Causes of the American Revolution
Graphs		American Revolution

BrainPop is also available in Spanish. Username and password are the same. Go to <http://esp.brainpop.com> and type the topic in the search box that you would like to explore.

Here are some additional online resources that can be used by you and your student:

<http://storylineonline.net/> is sponsored by the Screen Actors Guild Foundation. Actors and actresses read favorite picture books aloud. There are related activities for each book. <http://storynory.com> is another online source for audio stories.

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/story/index.html> activities that can help you learn to tell a good story. You can even write one of your own!

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/spelling> This site lets you experience a real spelling bee. Listen to a story and spell the missing words in the paragraph. Grade level choices are available.

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/default.aspx> helps you make a graph. Count the socks in your drawer and graph them according to color. Look in your mother's pantry and graph the different kinds of cans you find. Can you think of other things you can graph?

Click on <http://aaastudy.com/grade3.htm> for third grade math practice. Select the topic you would like to practice and then click on the lesson. This site features interactive arithmetic problems with unlimited practice. Students can work at their own level and receive immediate feedback.

<http://www.mrnussbaum.com/cashout/index.html> lets you practice giving change and counting coins. Three levels of difficulty encourage students to move up to the next level of difficulty.

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mthexp> is the Math Expressions site. Click on your grade level. Choose from eGlossary terms to sharpen your math vocabulary understanding, eManipulatives for activities, and eGames to practice your math skills.

<http://www.fossweb.com/modules3-6/index.html> explores science topics and resources.

<http://school.nettrekker.com> is a standards based K-12 digital resource specifically designed to engage students in their learning. You will need your school's login and password. Your school librarian passed out this information at the beginning of school. The only way you can use this site is to have that information.

NetTrekker allows students to access focused and relevant information based on their personal needs. There is read-aloud support, customized content for ELL learners, and dictionary/translation access. You can search resources by subject, reading level, grade, media type, state standards, source, and language. Readability is noted on the right of each resource so you can decide if a particular source is appropriate for you.

Type in the keyword of the topic you are interested in learning about—be specific and then click on the search button.

Visit <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/index.html> to learn about the federal government.

<http://www.amnh.org/ology> is the American Museum of Natural History. Choose an "ology" (archaeology, astronomy, biodiversity, earth, Einstein, genetics) and explore!

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/il> is the link to your social science textbook. Click on your grade level text and explore the eGlossary, play eWord games, check out many biographies, primary sources, and interactive maps that directly correlate to what you are studying in your classroom. You can even look up Weekly Reader events that go with the Units of study in your book!