



# Our Third Grade Year: An Overview

## First Quarter

**Reading:** Informational texts with focus on locating information, main idea & supporting key details, determining relationship between ideas in a text, informational text for research.

**Writing:** Introduction to paragraph writing through Step Up to Writing program; Note-taking; Research report on a Natural Disaster (informational writing);

**Math:** Stepping Stones with focus on:

- Place value up to 1,000s
- Addition strategies
- Multiplication facts
- Time to the nearest minute, past and to the hour, and measuring intervals
- Exploring rectangles, rhombuses, and quadrilaterals
- Problem solving

**Science:** Earth Sciences – Weather and Climate

**Social Studies:** Citizenship

## Second Quarter

**Reading:** Literary texts with focus on asking and answering questions, character motivations, problem & solution, development of the central message, and finding evidence.

**Writing:** Guided introduction to opinion writing (essay format)

**Math:** Stepping Stones with focus on:

- Multiplication facts
- Multiplication and division models and strategies
- Connection between multiplication and division
- Fractions – on a number line, models
- Subtraction strategies
- Data and graphs: bar and line plots
- Problem solving

**Science:** Physical Sciences – Forces and Motion

**Social Studies:** Geography – Regions (Natural Disaster Unit)

## Third Quarter

**Reading:** Literary texts with focus on distinguishing own point of view from that of the author, comparing and contrasting themes, settings, and plots, and figurative and literal language.

**Writing:** Narrative Writing techniques

**Math:** Stepping Stones with focus on:

- Multiplication facts
- Addition strategies
- Subtraction strategies
- Division facts
- Fractions – improper, equivalent, comparing
- Measurement – capacity, mass
- Problem solving

**Science:** Life Sciences – Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems

**Social Studies:** Culture

## Fourth Quarter

**Reading:** Literary and Informational texts with focus on locating information, main idea & supporting key details, problem & solution, and summarizing (4<sup>th</sup> grade skill). Literary texts – Relationships Readers' Workshop with focus on relationship of key events within the text(s)

**Writing:** Poetry; review of Informational, Opinion, and Narrative writing

**Math:** Stepping Stones with focus on:

- Area and Perimeter
- Properties of operations
- Multiple-step word problems

**Science:** Life Sciences – Inheritance and Variation of Traits

**Social Studies:** Communities – Change Over Time; Economics