

3rd grade resources to help with Literacy

Books and Authors

100+ Free Video Read Alouds: High quality picture book video read alouds collected by The Indianapolis Public Library.

<https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-parents/free-video-read-alouds>

Authors Everywhere: A YouTube Channel created and run by middle grade author Susan Tan, and made possible by an amazing community of children's book writers and illustrators.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCowhHSUaWp3KJDcuI0nR0vw/featured>

The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read-Alouds & Activities: Comprehensive and updated list provided by We Are Teachers. <https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

Resources available through Launchpad:

Sora: Sora is Overdrive's app designed for K-12 schools. Happy eBook reading!

Tumblebooks: eBook database for children Kindergarten-6th grade.

Epic: Epic! is an American kids subscription-based reading and learning platform. It offers access to books and videos for children ages 12 and under.

iXL: iXL uses insights from student work in the curriculum and the Real-Time Diagnostic to generate personalized guidance for each learner. These personalized action plans seamlessly link students to the skills that will help them build on their knowledge and remediate gaps in understanding.

To build reading skills, your 3rd grader:

- Reads multi-syllable and grade-appropriate, irregularly spelled words (ask your child's teacher for a list of these words).
- Reads grade-level text with appropriate pace, accuracy, expression, and understanding.
- Self-corrects mistakes and re-reads when necessary.
- Talks about and answers questions about a text using specific examples from the text and connects different parts of a text.
- Reads a variety of texts including, fiction, non-fiction, fables, and poetry, and understands and talks about their main ideas and lessons.
- Begins to understand the difference between literal and non-literal text such as metaphors and analogies.
- Uses the text and context to determine the meaning of words.
- Is able to express their own point of view about characters or a text.
- Makes comparisons between books written by the same author and books in series that are about the same characters.

To build writing skills, your 3rd grader:

- Writes a variety types of texts including:
 - *Opinion Pieces:* Students introduce their opinions, note the reasons for those opinions, and provide a conclusion.

- *Narrative Pieces*: Students write about an event, using descriptive details, feelings, and proper order — and ultimately provide a conclusion.
- *Informative/Explanatory Pieces*: Students introduce a topic and use facts, definitions, and, if helpful, illustrations to further explain the topic, eventually leading to a conclusion.
- Uses terms such as: *because, since, for example, also, another, and but* to elaborate on and make connections in their writing.
- Plans, revises, and edits their writing, going through the same process that most writers do.
- Uses digital tools (under the guidance of the teacher) to publish their writing and interact and communicate with others.
- Begins to take notes and do research for short research projects.
- Spends various amounts of time writing a piece, ranging from a short period of time (such as 30 minutes) to working on one piece over the course of a few weeks.