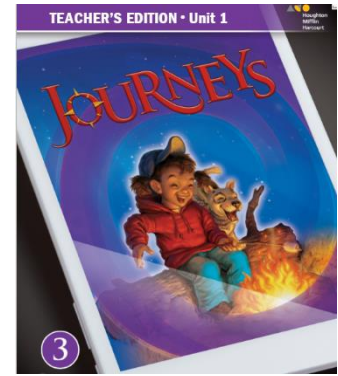


Dear Third Grade Families,

Welcome back to school!

This year we are using Journeys, a comprehensive, K–5 evidence-based, English Language Arts program. In grade three, students will build important reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. They will think, talk, and write about what they read in a variety of articles, books, and other texts. In their writing, students will pay more attention to organizing information, developing ideas, and supporting these ideas with facts, details, and reasons. Third grade students will:



- Read closely to find main ideas and supporting details in a story
- Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in stories (e.g., first, second, third; cause and effect)
- Compare the most important points and key details presented in two books on the same topic
- Write opinions or explanations that group related information and develop topics with facts and details
- Write stories that establish a situation and include details and clear sequences of events that describe the actions, thoughts, and feelings of characters
- Ask and answer questions about information he or she hears from a speaker or while participating in classroom discussions, offering appropriate elaboration and detail that build on what others have said
- Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words, such as 'something's fishy' and 'cold shoulder'

There are many ways you can help your child at home. Invite your child to talk about what he/she is learning each day in class. Encourage your child to read each night exploring different genres.

Your child can access Journeys at home using his/her personal login & password. Students can read/listen to the week's anchor text, paired text, and leveled readers.

Remember, it is important to instill a love of reading in every child.

Please encourage your child to read daily.