

SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

A Homework Program for GRADE 3 Students

* As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher and they need a positive, supportive environment in order to be willing to take on new challenges. These fun activities can be done at home to reinforce the learning taking place throughout the day at school.

* Find 30 minutes in your day and pick a few activities that your child will enjoy doing. Keep in mind that these are skills that are expected to be mastered by the end of Grade 3, so you may want to take baby steps as you try new activities.

MATH FLUENCY - How Can You Help at Home?

- **Count** with a goal of reaching **1000** by the end of the school year (ex. counting forward by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's and 100's from different starting points)
- Play **I SPY** with numbers around the house, focusing on numbers **1-100**. Have your child write down the number as the word. (ex. 76 – seventy-six)
- Count your change! Take your coins and bills out of your purse or piggy bank. Ask your child to tell you what each coin/bill is and how they relate. (EX. HOW MANY QUARTERS ARE IN A TOONIE?)
- Add and subtract money amounts up to **10 dollars**.
- Multiply to 7×7 and divide to $49/7$. (Use the attached multiplication table for help)

Sight Words

- The Dolch word list for Grade 3 is a list of commonly used words that students have to know by sight for fast or 'fluent' reading. For the month of September review the Grade 2 Dolch word list:

always, around, because, been, before, best, both, buy, call, cold, does, don't, fast, first, five, found, gave, goes, green, its, made, many, off, or, pull, read, right, sing, sit, sleep, tell, their, these, those, upon, us, use, very, wash, which, why, wish, work, would, write, your

Put these words on smaller pieces of paper and use them as flash cards. You can split the list up into monthly sections and just keep adding new words each month.

Printing, Cursive Writing and Keyboarding

* Use the above word list for printing and keyboarding practice. Pick a few words each night and practice writing them correctly, then have them type them out on the computer so they are practicing many skills at once.

Printing- focus should be on legible printing with the use of spacing between words.

Cursive Writing - practice a few letters each night using the attached template for models

READING, READING, READING

As your child learns new skills, you will be amazed at how their reading will evolve. Along with reading to your child every night, have your child practice their skills by reading to you. While your child is reading to you, this is a great time to look for the Dolch words that they should be recognizing more and more

Do you have a computer or Ipad at home? If so, try out some of these games. Playing these games will reinforce all of the above skills.

APPS – Letter Quiz , Splash Math, Sight Words List, Times Tables Trainer Brain Game Universal

Online Games - http://www.abcya.com/ghost_typing.htm
learninggamesforkids.com, <http://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-3>,