

Third grade is a very important year for your student. They will be learning many skills that will carry through the rest of their education into their daily lives. This year, your child will also be taking the Connecticut Mastery Test for the first time in their academic career. The testing takes place during the month of March and the students will be preparing from now until the tests begin. The students will be assessed on their reading and writing abilities and their ability to solve various math problems.

Many parents want to know how they can help their child to do the best that they can. It is important for your child to get as much sleep as possible, eat a healthy breakfast, and to come to school with a positive attitude, ready to learn. In the evening, talk about school with your child. Ask them to name one thing that they learned that day. Have the child read to you or you can read to your child. Reading aloud helps to build fluency and helps to make your child a better reader. If you are watching t.v. with your child, ask him/her what the show is mainly about during the commercials. See if they can predict, or guess, what might happen next. When grocery shopping, have your child help tally the bill or estimate how much something will cost. Most importantly, encourage them to try. It is not always about the grades they receive, but the effort they apply to the task at hand.

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