Strand: Reading Standards for Literature Grade Level: 3
Substrands & Standards
Key Ideas and Details
1. Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly
to the text as the basis for the answers.
2. Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures;
determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
3. Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain
how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
Craft and Structure
4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing
literal from nonliteral language. (See grade 3 Language standards 4-6 for additional expectations.)
5. Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text,
using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds
on earlier sections.
6. Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
7. Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by
the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).
8. (Not applicable to literature)
9. Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same
author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and
poetry, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and
proficiently.

Strand: Reading Standards for Informational Text Grade Level: 3
Substrands & Standards
Key Ideas and Details 1. Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. 2. Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. 3. Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.
Craft and Structure 4. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a <i>grade 3 topic or subject area</i> . (See grade 3 Language standards 4-6 for additional expectations.) 5. Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently. 6. Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas 7. Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). 8. Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). 9. Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity 10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2–3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Strand: Reading Standards: Foundational Skills
Grade Level: 3
Substrands & Standards
Print Concepts
1. n/a
Phonological Awareness
2. n/a
Phonics and Word Recognition
3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words both
in isolation and in text.
a. Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes.
b. Decode words with common Latin suffixes.
c. Decode multisyllable words.d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
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Fluency
4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.
b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression
on successive readings.
c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading
as necessary.

Strand: Writing Standards Grade Level: 3 Substrands & Standards Text Types and Purposes 1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. a. Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.
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organizational structure that hists reasons.
b. Provide reasons that support the opinion.
c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect
opinion and reasons.
d. Provide a concluding statement or section.
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and
information clearly.
a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when
useful to aiding comprehension.
b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.
c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., <i>also</i> , <i>another</i> , <i>and</i> , <i>more</i> , <i>but</i>) to connect ideas
within categories of information.
d. Provide a concluding statement or section.
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective
technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
a. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event
sequence that unfolds naturally.
b. Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences
and events or show the response of characters to situations.
c. Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.
d. Provide a sense of closure.
Production and Distribution of Writing
4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and
organization are appropriate to task and purpose. (Grade-specific expectations for writing
types are defined in standards 1–3.)
5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as
needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate
command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 3 on page 14.)
6. With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing

(using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge
7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.
9. (Begins in grade 4)

Range of Writing

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Strand: Speaking and Listening Standards
Grade Level: 3
Substrands & Standards
Comprehension and Collaboration
1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and
teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas
and expressing their own clearly.
a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly
draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas
under discussion.
b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under
discussion).
c. Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link
their comments to the remarks of others.
d. Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
2. Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information
presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
3. Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate
elaboration and detail.
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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas 4. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts
and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
a. Plan and deliver an informative/explanatory presentation on a topic that:
organizes ideas around major points of information, follows a logical sequence,
includes supporting details, uses clear and specific vocabulary, and provides a
strong conclusion.
5. Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at
an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance
certain facts or details.
6. Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide
requested detail or clarification. (See grade 3 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific
expectations.)

Strand: Language Standards	
Grade Level: 3	
Substrands & Standards	Notes
Conventions of Standard English	
1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage	
when writing or speaking.	
a. Write legibly in cursive or joined italics, allowing margins and correct spacing	
between letters in a word and words in a sentence.	
b. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and	
their functions in particular sentences.	
c. <u>Use reciprocal pronouns correctly.</u>	
d. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.	
e. Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood).	
f. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.	
g. Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses.	
h. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.	
i. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between	
them depending on what is to be modified.	
j. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.	
k. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.	
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,	
punctuation, and spelling when writing.	
a. Capitalize appropriate words in titles.	
b. Use commas in addresses.	
c. Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.	
d. Form and use possessives.	
e. Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding	
suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).	
f. Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings,	
syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.	
g. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and	
correct spellings.	
Knowledge of Language	
3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or	

listening.

- a. Choose words and phrases for effect.
- b. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

- 4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple meaning words and phrases based on *grade 3 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
- a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- b. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., *agreeable/disagreeable, comfortable/uncomfortable, care/careless, heat/preheat*).
- c. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., *company*, *companion*).
- d. Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases *in all content areas*.
- 5. Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
- a. Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., *take steps*).
- b. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are *friendly* or *helpful*).
- c. Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., *knew*, *believed*, *suspected*, *heard*, *wondered*).
- 6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., *After dinner that night we went looking for them*).