

### Third Grade Reading Activities

- **Get Serious About Series:** Find a series that interests your child and begin to read it together. You can read to your child, your child can read to you, and he can read a chapter independently. You and your child can interview each other as you read — ask about main ideas, events, and thoughts you each have about the books and characters.
- **Look It Up:** When your child encounters a word she doesn't know the meaning of, look up the meaning together. You can even begin to keep your own family dictionary, recording words and their definitions. Your child can create illustrations that show definitions of the words, as well. Use the word yourself, or encourage your child to use that word in a sentence sometime during the day.
- **Learn About an Author:** As your child develops favorite authors, look online for that author's website. Your child can email or write a letter to the author (under your supervision). The author may even be at a book signing or other events in your neighborhood for you and your child to attend.
- **Ask the 5 W's** after your child finishes reading something independently: Who, what, when, why, where, how
- **Log on to MYON** and discover all the books and comprehension activities available to you online
- **Teach your child some "mind tricks".** Show your child how to summarize a story in a few sentences or how to make predictions about what might happen next. Both strategies help a child comprehend and remember.
  - Use online EOG prep sources to make copies of stories and have your child practice the UNWRAP strategy to comprehend and answer questions about the passage.
    - U - Underline (and think) about the title
    - N - Take notes about the passage or NOTE special text features of it
    - W - Walk through the questions before you read the passage
    - R - Read
    - A - Answer the questions
    - P - Prove your answers
  - Log on to Flocabulary at home to review the week's vocabulary words with your child. Make flashcards of the words to use throughout the week.
  - Increase vocabulary by having a "Word Jar". When you introduce a new vocabulary word put it in the jar. Pull out a word each day to review and challenge your child to use it in a sentence.
  - Read with your child! It increases fluency to read aloud and hear others read!