

# KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS PARENT GUIDES

## LITERACY

### English Language Arts & Literacy

- Reading closely to find main ideas and supporting details in a story
- Describing the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in come stories (e.g., first, second, third; cause and effect)
- Comparing the most important points and key details presented in two books on the same topic
- Writing opinions or explanations that group related information and develop topics with facts and details
- Writing stories that establish a situation and include details and clear sequences of events that describe the actions, thoughts, and feelings of characters
- Independently conducting short research projects that build knowledge about various topics
- Asking and answering 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
- Reading stories and poems aloud fluently, without pausing to figure out what each word means
- Distinguishing the literal and non-literal meaning of words such as *something's fishy* or *cold shoulder*
- Spelling correctly and consulting dictionaries to clarify meanings of words

### Tennessee State Standards

This guide provides a overview of the curriculum standards in English and Language Arts for third grade. The Tennessee State Standards are important because they help ensure that all students, no matter where they live, are prepared for success in college and the workforce. With this overview, it is our hope that families and teachers will work collaboratively toward the success of all students. These standards help children develop critical thinking skills that will prepare them for college and career. As your child meets these expectations, he or she will be well prepared for fourth grade.

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### Helping at Home

- Make reading for fun a part of your child's daily routine.
- Encourage your child to find a picture from a newspaper or magazine, cut it out, paste it on paper, and write a story about it.
- Start a family vocabulary box. Have everyone write down new words they discover, add them to the box, and use the words in conversation.

## THIRD GRADE

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