

2ND TO 3RD GRADE TRANSITION

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS
THE MOST IMPORTANT
YEAR OF A CHILD'S
ACADEMIC CAREER?



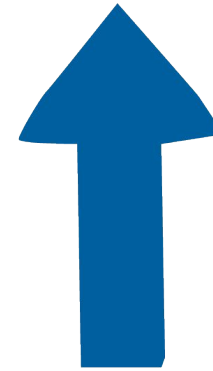
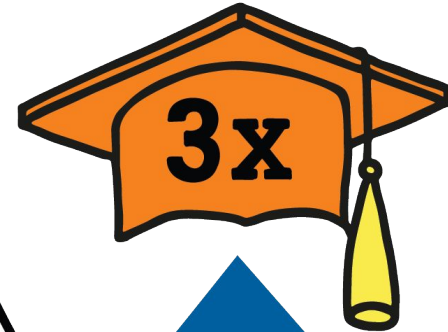
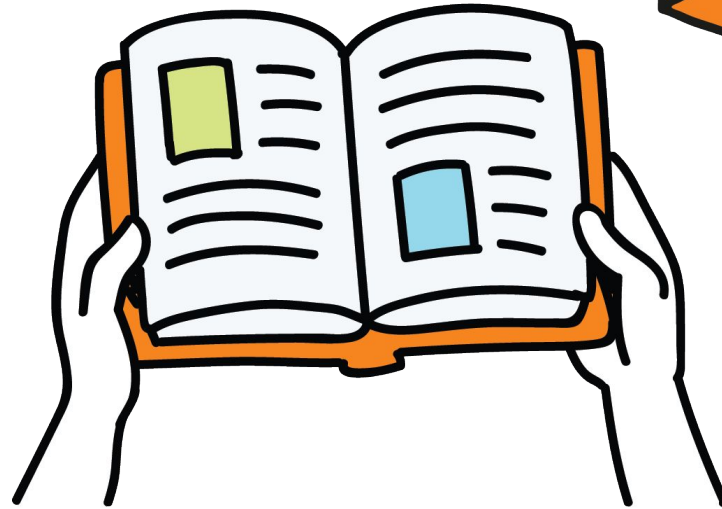
It is 3rd grade!

- ◆ Most experts agree that it is actually the third grade. There are multiple studies that show the third grade year is a pivotal point in a child's education.
- ◆ Third grade reading achievement is the single-most important predictor of high school graduation.

Strong reading skills in third grade



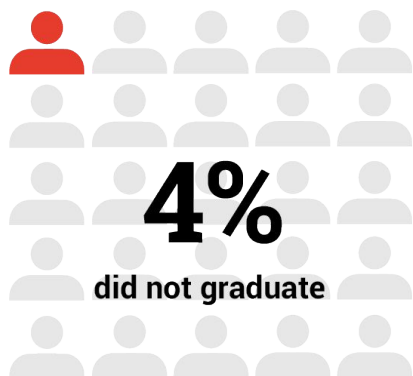
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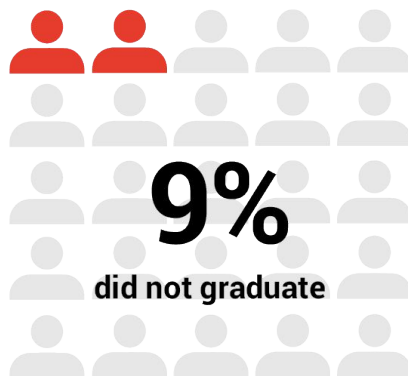
In a class of 25 third-grade kids...

Proficient Readers



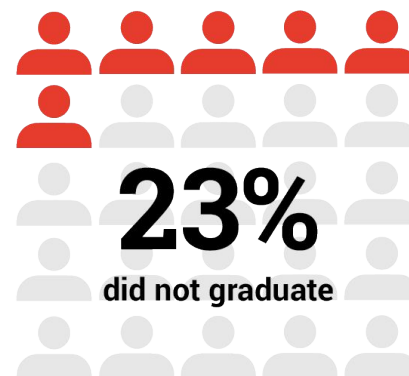
Among students who **read proficiently** in third grade, only **one in twenty-five (4%)** had not graduated high school by age 19.

Basic Readers




Among students who had **"basic" (not proficient)** reading skills in third grade, **9% did not graduate high school** by age 19.

Below-Basic Readers




Among students who had **"below basic" (not proficient)** reading skills in third grade, **23% did not graduate high school** by age 19.

SO, WHY IS 3RD GRADE SO IMPORTANT?

- ◆ Most studies show that 3rd grade is the year in which students need to have a strong reading foundation. This allows them to grasp new information using their decoding and comprehension skills.
 - ◆ In 4th grade and beyond (as well as some in 3rd) you tend to spend more time in content specific classes like social studies and science. Reading is more focused on acquiring technical information.
 - ◆ Students who struggle will also begin to avoid reading because it is progressively harder and you don't have as much say in what you are reading
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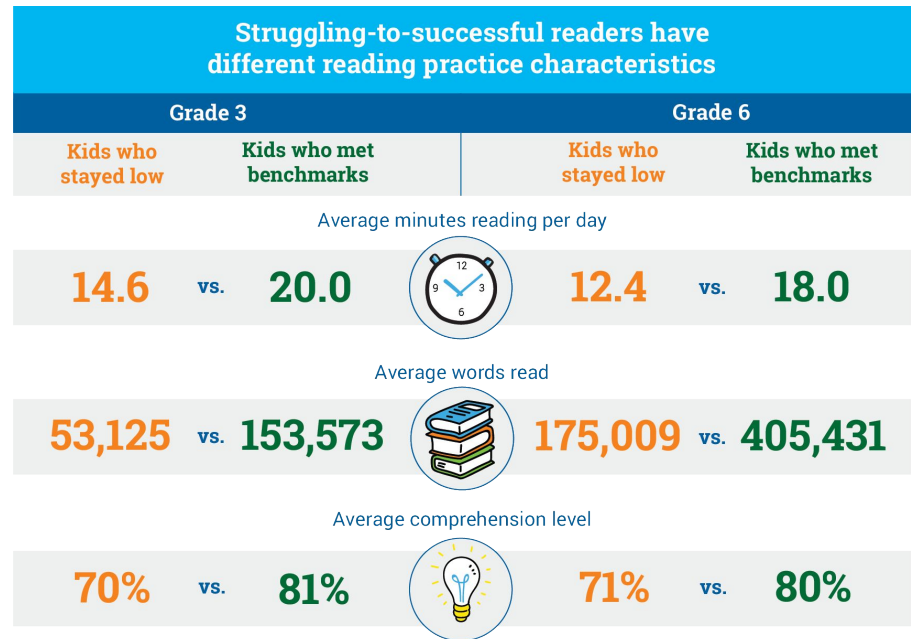
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 2ND & 3rd

- ◆ **In the language - students can only speak in the language (with peers) and weekly homework - More reading and writing in the language**
 - ◆ **More emphasis on reading nonfiction for social studies and science (summarizing, synthesizing, and analyzing texts)**
 - ◆ **New concepts in math (building on foundational skills that are secure - place value, addition and subtraction, skip counting)**
 - ◆ **Reading Stamina (Independent reading - at least 20 minutes)**
 - ◆ **Typing - both English and target language**
 - ◆ **Technology will be integrated into instruction and homework**
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HOW CAN WE GET READY FOR 3RD GRADE?

- ◆ **Read (at least 15 -20 minutes independently)**
- ◆ Visit your neighborhood library - Look for different genres
- ◆ Keep a journal/ diary (Around once a week)
- ◆ Math facts - Addition and subtraction 1-20
- ◆ Typing Practice
- ◆ Did we say Read?

“On average, the third graders who failed to meet grade-level benchmarks by the end of the year had 14.6 minutes of engaged reading time per day. In comparison, the third graders who met the college- and career-readiness benchmarks for their grade read for 20.0 minutes—a difference of less than 6 minutes of daily reading time. “



All students shown began the school year in the bottom quarter of reading achievement. Kids who read more words, spent more time reading each day, and read with greater understanding pulled ahead to end the year meeting college- and career-readiness benchmarks for their grade.

QUESTIONS

