



3rd Grade Core Course Descriptions

Reading/English Language Arts	Humanities
<p>Unit 1: Overcoming Adversity Writing Focus: Narrative In this unit, students will learn how an individual's motivations, feelings, and actions can alter the course of events.</p> <p>Unit 2: People, Law, and Democracy Writing Focus: Narrative In this unit, students will learn about democracy, how democracy influences the three branches of government, the election process and its importance, and some of the significant people who have shaped America's history.</p> <p>Unit 3: African American Civil Rights Leaders Writing Focus: Informational In this unit, students will learn about the American Civil Rights Movement and study individuals and their responses to challenging situations.</p> <p>Unit 4: Washington D.C Writing Focus: Informational In this unit, students will learn about various monuments, historical and cultural landmarks, and neighborhoods in Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>Unit 1: Making Money Matter: Economics Writing Focus: Explanatory Students learn what an economy is and how it helps different groups to meet their wants and needs by exploring how money flows between people, government, and businesses in the form of goods, services, taxes, and jobs.</p> <p>Unit 2: People, Politics, and Power Writing Focus: Persuasive Students build an understanding of how local government works and how it affects their lives by exploring the branches of government, citizen involvement in the political process, and Prince George's local leaders.</p> <p>Unit 3: Constitution to Capital City: DC History Writing Focus: Explanatory Students discover how the creation of Washington D.C. sets it apart from other cities and how its seat as "The Nation's Capital" makes it an essential place for discussing our country's civic and moral values.</p> <p>Unit 4: The World Inside a Map: Geography Writing Focus: Argumentative Students discover the natural resources that existed at the beginning of DC's history and how different areas of D.C. have developed over time.</p>
Mathematics	Science
<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY D is our primary instructional resource. It is a math and science integration, "Learning Math through Science." Students will gain knowledge of foundational mathematics by focusing on five key areas: operational thinking, number sense, measurement and data, geometry, and mathematical practice. They will also develop strong mathematical practices and learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively.</p>	<p>SPORK BUTTERFLY D is our main resource for teaching science through a math-integrated approach. Built on the idea of "Learning Math through Science," the curriculum focuses on hands-on exploration and inquiry. Students engage in meaningful investigations that build both science understanding and math fluency. Each unit brings science to life through real-world, interactive learning. Topics we explore throughout the year: Living Things & Classification, Earth & Space Science, Physical Science: Matter, Force, Energy, and Human Body.</p>



3rd Grade School Supply List - School Year 2025-26

Items to bring to school	Items to keep at home	Class Specific Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Book bag/backpack (rolling backpack will not fit in a locker) <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Journal/Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper binder (Trapper Keeper style) <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of earbuds (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-inch 3-ring binder <input type="checkbox"/> Insertable dividers with tabs <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for each Core Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for homework <input type="checkbox"/> Large Pencil Pouch packed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils • Blue or Black ink pens only • Small pencil sharpener that holds shavings • 2 highlighters • erasers • colored pencils/markers • Index cards <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Hand Sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Face Masks <input type="checkbox"/> Travel size personal hygiene items (eg, feminine items & deodorant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Packages of #2 Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of loose-leaf paper <input type="checkbox"/> Old worksheets <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of ballpoint pens <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of colored pencils/markers <input type="checkbox"/> ELA & Humanities Anchor Texts***	<p><u>PE/HEALTH</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle
		<p><u>ELA</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder
		<p><u>HUMANITIES</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder
		<p><u>SCIENCE/MATH integration</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-composition notebook <input type="checkbox"/> 2-sided metric and standard to ¼ inch ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 4-function calculator
		<p><u>ELECTIVE CLASS(ES)</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook

***Class sets of the Anchor Texts are provided; however, students are encouraged to purchase their own copy.