

# Resources and Tips for Parents of Third Graders

Pasco County Schools aims to ensure that all third-grade students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade four and beyond. To be promoted to fourth grade, a student must score a Level 2 or higher in reading on the FSA English Language Arts assessment. The English Language Arts assessment will be the week of April 1st.

## 9 Reasons to read more

Beers, Kylene & Probst, Robert. *Disrupting Thinking: Why How We Read Matters*. 2017



**Builds Knowledge**



**Improves Achievement**



**Increases Motivation**



**Increases Vocabulary**



**Improves Writing**



**Builds Background Knowledge**



**Improves Understanding of Text Structures**



**Develops Empathy**



**Develops Personal Identity**

**Encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes a day and to finish a chapter book per week.**

### To access digital text for your child to read at home:

- Log in to your child's myPascoConnect account. There your child will have access to text through *Bookshelf*, *Discovery Education*, and other digital resources.
- Visit your local Pasco County Library to sign your child up for their own library card or access the **Tumble Book Library** by visiting the New Port Richey Library Website and clicking on the Tumble Books link. <http://npribrary.org/>



### Talk to your child about what they are reading.

- Discuss words that may be unfamiliar to your child.
- Help your child to use context clues to figure out the unfamiliar words.

### Encourage your child to read different types of literature and informational text.

**Here are some sample questions you can ask your child when they are reading.**

#### Literature/Fiction

*Fables, fairy tales, folk tales, legends, myths, poetry, verse, mystery, science fiction, historical fiction, etc.*

- What lesson did you learn from the story?
- What challenges does the main character face and how do they overcome those challenges?
- How do the illustrations contribute to your understanding of the text?
- What are some of the key events in the story?

#### Informational/ Non fiction

*Magazines, newspapers, non-fiction books, research, speeches, infographic, biography, etc.*

- What are you learning from the text?
- What have you learned from the text features in the text?
- What are the most important points and details presented in each text?
- What are you still wondering that you want to learn more about?



Section 1008.25(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Standards Assessment – English Language Arts (FSA-ELA). Also, a parent of a student in grade 3, who is identified anytime during the year as being at-risk of retention, may request that the school immediately begin collecting portfolio evidence.

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