

INTRODUCTION

Third grade is an important year in school; you will now be able to take standardized assessments. These assessments will help you and your Guide find out what you know and what you are ready to learn. You will learn more about the world around you by reading novels and learning challenging math problems such as multiplication and division. This year is also when you begin to become an independent student.

Ready, Set, Go! is a workbook that has been created to help you learn how to become an independent student. Since you are learning to become an independent student, you will master strategies to show you how to study, what to study, and how to take tests. This book will give you practical tips for time management, setting goals, studying, and taking tests to help you become the best student you can be. You will learn how to look at different types of test questions and organize them into tiny steps so that you will be better able to answer them when you encounter them on a test. Learning how to succeed as a student will help you in school now and in the future.

ARE YOU READY?
GET SET! GO!



**SECTION
ONE**



PREPARATION



Welcome to a New School Year!



Estimated Time: 10 minutes

Welcome to third grade! This school year is a very important one. In third grade, you will learn many important new skills that you will use throughout your life. You will learn how to become a better reader and writer, you will learn more about the world around you, and you will learn new math skills, like multiplication and division. You will also learn how to become more responsible for doing your own work, and you will take many important tests to show what you have learned. Every day, you will learn a new skill or sometimes a helpful tip that will help you to become a better student.

Write three new skills you hope you accomplish or learn about this school year.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



The Importance of Homework



Estimated Time: 10 minutes

Each day, you and your Guide will explore new ideas in reading, math, science, and social studies. Sometimes, you will complete a lesson and activities with your Guide. Other times, you will need to complete work on your own to practice a new skill. This is usually called homework. Homework is extra practice for a skill you have just learned. It is important to always do your homework assignments so that you can master the skill you just learned. Completing an assignment on your own after learning the information helps your brain keep that new information in your head. When you do a homework assignment, you use parts of your brain that help you learn how to become an independent learner and thinker. Sometimes by doing homework, you will discover that something is difficult for you. Even though it may frustrate you, this is a good thing to know because you will then know what areas you need to practice more. One good skill to get in the habit of doing is to talk or write about what was hard about your homework assignment. If you thought that it was not hard, then you will want to write or talk about what was easy. Doing your homework will help you to become a better student!

Write a sentence to tell why it is important to do your homework assignments. Write a second sentence to explain why homework is sometimes frustrating.

LESSON #3

The Importance of Tests and Studying

Estimated Time: 10 minutes



Along with completing homework assignments, learning how to study is very important to learn how to do. As you get older, studying is something you will always have to do. Studying is the key to becoming a successful student! Learning how to study now will help you become a better student when you are older. Throughout the year, you will learn many helpful tips to teach you how to study.

In every grade, there are tests you will have to take. Sometimes it will be something short, like a spelling test. Other times, it might be a longer test, like something called a standardized test. These tests usually cover more than one subject. You will learn more about different types of tests and how to take them throughout this school year. Studying and practicing new skills will help you become prepared to take all kinds of tests. The more you practice a skill, the easier it will become. This is exactly what studying does; it gives you the chance to practice skills over and over so that they become easy for you to do and to remember.

Does homework help you study? Why or why not?

LESSON #4

Finding a Place to Study

Estimated Time: 15 minutes



Where do you do your schoolwork every day? You might be sitting in a classroom at a desk with a teacher. Perhaps you are sitting at your kitchen table with a family member teaching you. Wherever you are learning, you will want to make sure it is in a quiet and well-lit area. It should also be free of distraction, or things that will keep you from paying attention to your work.

Trying to do schoolwork in a noisy room will make it very difficult for you to concentrate. For example, let's say you are trying to complete a page of math questions in your family room, but your little brother is watching his favorite television show about trains. He is probably jumping up and down, laughing, and having a good time. The TV is probably pretty loud, too. You are trying to solve the math questions on your paper, but you want to watch the trains on TV, and you are being entertained by your little brother. You aren't able to concentrate very well, and you start to make mistakes!

Now, let's say you are trying to complete that same page of math questions, but you are in your bedroom, sitting at a desk. There is a lamp on your desk, and the curtains are open, allowing bright sunlight to come through the window. No one else is around to make noise, and you are able to focus and concentrate on the math questions on the page in front of you. You are able to complete the assignment quickly, and you get every single one correct!

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The best place for you to do your schoolwork and study is a place that is fairly quiet, has good lighting, and is free of things to distract you, like a television. You will also need to make sure you have a desk or table to sit at and that you have a comfortable chair to sit in. Today, you will need to take the time to find a good place in your house to create a study area. Make sure that it is a place that follows these guidelines. Ask your family members to help you find a place to work. Make sure everyone knows this is your study area where you will be working. You may even want to make a sign to let everyone know this study area belongs to you! Once you find this place in your house, draw a picture of what it looks like below.

Briefly describe the space you chose as your study space. What rules did you set for the times when you will complete your homework?
