

3rd Grade (8-9 Years)

Expressive Language / What the Child Says

- Uses most parts of speech, all grammar is acquired
- Exceptions to grammatical rules are mastered
- Uses and understands passive sentences
- Uses clear and specific vocabulary in conversation and discussions
- Uses subject related vocabulary
- Asks/answers factual and inferential questions
- Explains what has been learned
- Uses a variety of words, not just the same ones over and over
- Gives synonyms and categories in word definitions (7-9 years)
- Production of figurative language increases (7-9 years)

Examples:

"Don't let the cat out of the bag."

"It is raining cats and dogs."

"You're pulling my leg."

- Begins to understand jokes and riddles based on sound similarities (7-9 years)

Examples:

"What kind of shows do cows like to watch?" "Moo-sicals"

Total # of words in 100 utterance speech sample: 496-687 (9 years)

Total # of different words in 100 utterance speech sample: 183-235 (9 years)

Receptive Language / What the Child Understands

- Listens attentively in group situations
- Follows 4-step and higher directions
- Understands direction words
- Demonstrates understanding of grade level content material

Narrative Development

- Complex Episodes / Multiple Episodes
- Narratives have a theme, character, plot, logically sequenced, temporally ordered, initiating event, action, consequences, emotion, and resolution
- Contain at least 5 story grammar elements (example: setting, characters)

Reading

- Summarizes a story accurately
- Fully understands basic phonic patterns
- Uses word analysis skills when reading
- Re-reads and corrects errors when necessary
- Predicts and justifies what will happen next
- Compares and contrasts
- Asks and answers questions about the reading material
- Use acquired information to learn about new topics
- Read grade level books fluently
- Uses clues from language content and structure to help in understanding what is read
- Reads 100 words per minute (wpm)

- Reads 300 sight words

Writing

- Plans, organizes, revises, and edits
- Includes details in writing
- Writes stories, letters, simple explanations, and brief reports
- Spells simple words correctly, corrects most spelling independently or with a dictionary for help
- Cursive writing is written clearly