

SCHOLASTIC
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Scholastic News® for Grade 3 Reinforces Skills



Scholastic News Grade 3 provides children with motivating, high-interest, nonfiction reading, and each issue is built on a firm foundation of skills that reinforce the classroom curriculum. Scholastic News meets the needs of students with progressive, on-level content that becomes more challenging over the school year as children develop as readers.

The following essential skills are covered in *Scholastic News for Grade 3*:

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of text.
- Learn and use new content vocabulary by answering vocabulary questions.
- Practice the following strategies to determine word meanings:
 - Using information about word parts
 - Using context clues
 - Using definitions given within the text
- Identify synonyms, antonyms, and homophones.
- Identify nouns, verbs, and adjectives.
- Practice dictionary and pronunciation skills.

READING COMPREHENSION

- Experience reading as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Read with a purpose.
- Build reading stamina to read longer texts.
- Master the following comprehension strategies using longer passages:
 - Predicting
 - Synthesizing ideas
 - Main idea/detail
 - Cause and effect
 - Posing questions
 - Fact vs. opinion
 - Retelling
 - Making inferences
- Self-monitor for comprehension and use strategies to improve comprehension.
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Understand a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
 - Headlines
 - Columns and side stories
 - Captions
 - Interviews
 - Diagrams
 - Maps, graphs, and charts
- Develop fluency through repeated readings in school and at home.

Each issue gives students reading comprehension practice.



"Find It" feature has students search for main ideas, details, quotes, and more.



Nonfiction text motivates students.



Engaging photos support text.





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WRITING

- Experience writing as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Use grade-appropriate models of good writing.
- Use graphic organizers.
- Respond to a variety of topics in writing.
- Write complete sentences using capitalization and correct punctuation.
- Write paragraphs.

SCIENCE

- Understand important science concepts and topics, including:
 - Life cycles
 - Understanding technology
 - Organisms and environments
 - Earth and sky
 - Personal health
 - Science as inquiry
- Interpret and use visual aids found in science texts, including:
 - Diagrams
 - Graphs
 - Charts
- Compare data from graphs and charts.
- Answer questions based on the new topics learned.

MATH

- View math as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Practice basic on-level math skills.
- Understand and use a variety of graphs and charts, including:
 - Bar graphs
 - Line graphs
 - Pie graphs
- Practice creating and completing graphs.
- Practice using a schedule.

TECHNOLOGY

- Develop Internet skills through:
 - Obtaining information and news online
 - Participating in online quizzes
 - Navigating the *Scholastic News* Web site
- Practice using basic computer hardware (mouse, keyboard, monitor).

PHONICS/WORD-LEVEL SKILLS

- Decode challenging words in the text using knowledge of sounds and letters.
- Practice recognizing common phonics patterns, such as:
 - Word endings
 - Silent letters
 - Compound words
- Recognize more sight words.
- Practice spelling skills through answering questions about spelling.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Understand important social studies concepts and topics, including:
 - Personal development
 - People and current events
 - Culture
 - Geography
 - Individuals and events in history
 - Civic ideals
- Practice using a variety of maps, including city and country maps.
- Use a compass rose to interpret maps.
- Practice reading a timeline.
- Develop personal and social skills by:
 - Analyzing and reflecting upon relevant social situations through discussions and writing

TEST PREPARATION

- Practice answering questions similar to those on standardized tests.
- Learn general test-taking strategies.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice tests.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests, such as:
 - Multiple choice
 - Fill-in-the-blank
 - True or false
 - Open-ended questions based on the text