

Wyoming Public Schools 3rd Grade ELA Essential Standards

ELA Essential Standard	Student Friendly Language	Family Friendly Language
RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	I can ask and answer questions to show I understand a text, using the text to help explain my answers.	Your child is learning to show understanding of what they read by asking and answering questions. They practice using specific parts of the text to explain their thinking, helping them become stronger, more thoughtful readers.
RI.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	By the end of the year, I can read and understand 2nd and 3rd grade stories, plays, and poems on my own.	By the end of 3rd grade, your child is expected to read and understand literature—such as stories, plays, and poems—written at a 2nd to 3rd grade level. They should be able to do this independently and with good comprehension.
RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	I can ask and answer questions about what I read and use the text to explain my answers.	Your child is learning to show their understanding of a text by asking and answering questions. They are expected to refer directly to parts of the text when explaining their thinking, which helps build strong reading comprehension skills.
RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.	I can figure out the main idea of a text and explain how the key details support it.	Your child is learning to identify the main idea—what a text is mostly about—and explain how the important details in the text support that idea. This helps them build a deeper understanding of what they read.
RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.	I can figure out the meaning of important words in texts about 3rd grade topics.	Your child is learning to understand the meaning of academic and subject-specific words in what they read. These vocabulary skills help them better understand texts in science, social studies, and other grade-level subjects.
RI.3.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including	By the end of the year, I can read and understand nonfiction texts about history, science, and other	By the end of 3rd grade, your child is expected to independently read and

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history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.	topics on my own.	understand nonfiction texts—such as those about history, science, and technology—written at a 2nd to 3rd grade level. This helps build strong research and learning skills.
RF.3.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	I can use what I know about sounds and word parts to read new words.	Your child is learning to use phonics and word analysis strategies—like recognizing prefixes, suffixes, and syllables—to sound out and read unfamiliar words. These skills help them become more confident and fluent readers.
RF.3.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	I can read smoothly and correctly so I understand what I'm reading.	Your child is learning to read with accuracy, appropriate speed, and expression. These fluency skills help them better understand and enjoy what they read.
W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.	I can write about my opinion and give reasons to support it.	Your child is learning to clearly share their opinion on a topic or text and support it with logical reasons. This helps them build strong persuasive writing and thinking skills.
W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.	I can write to teach about a topic by sharing clear ideas and information.	Your child is learning to write informative pieces that explain a topic clearly. They use facts, details, and organized ideas to help the reader understand what they're writing about.
L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	I can use correct grammar when I write and speak.	Your child is learning to use proper grammar and language rules when speaking and writing. This includes using correct verb tenses, nouns, punctuation, and sentence structure to communicate clearly.
L.3.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when I write.	Your child is learning to apply the rules of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling in their writing. These skills help them create clear and polished work

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