

Communication Milestones



Talking

- Speaks clearly enough so that most people understand what they say
- Answers simple yes/no questions
- Answers questions like, “What did you have for lunch today?”
- Retells a story/talk about something they did
- Takes turns talking & keep a conversation going
- Shows interest in and start conversations

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Hearing & Understanding

- Follows 1-2 simple directions in a row
- Listens to and understand stories
- Follows a simple conversation

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First Grade

Talking

- Speaks clearly so that anyone can understand them
- Answers more difficult yes/no questions
- Tells and retells stories that make sense
- Shares ideas using complete sentences
- Uses most parts of speech, or grammar, correctly
- Asks and answers who, what, when, where, and why questions
- Stays on topic and take turns in conversation
- Gives directions
- Starts Conversations

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Hearing & Understanding

- Remembers what they hear
- Follows two-to-three step directions in a row

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- Speaks clearly
- Answers harder yes/no questions
- Asks and answers who, what, when, where, and why questions
- Uses more complex sentences
- Explains words and ideas
- Gives directions with 3-4 steps
- Use words to inform, persuade, and entertain
- Stays on topic, takes turns, and keeps eye contact during conversations
- Starts and ends conversations

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Hearing & Understanding

- Follows 3-4 directions in a row
- Understands direction words, like *here, there, over, next to, before, or later.*
- Answers questions about a second grade-level story

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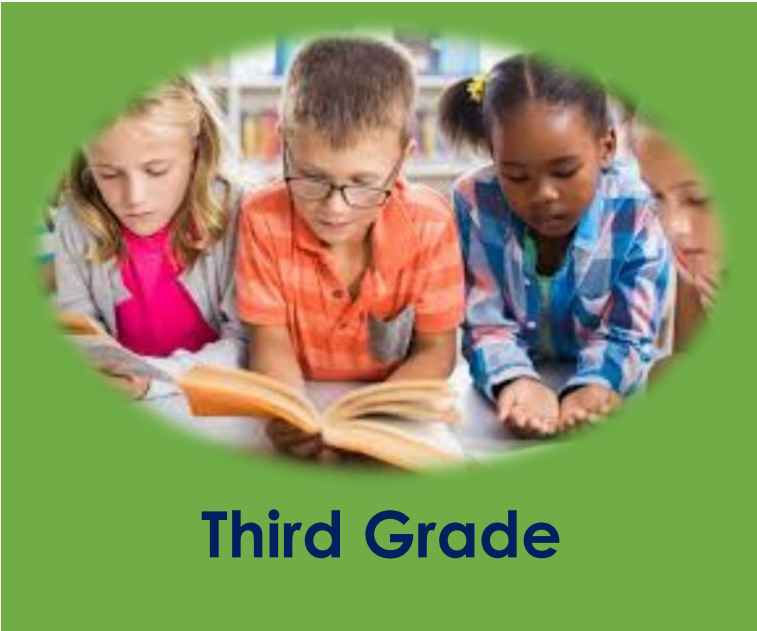
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Third Grade

Talking:

- Speaks clearly. Knows when to talk with a soft or loud voice
- Asks and answers questions
- Is a part of conversations and group discussions
- Uses words related to school subjects. For example, math, science, or history words
- Stays on topic, uses eye contact, and takes turns in conversation
- Summarizes a story
- Explains what they learned in school

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Hearing & Understanding:

- Pays attention in groups
- Understands grade-level information

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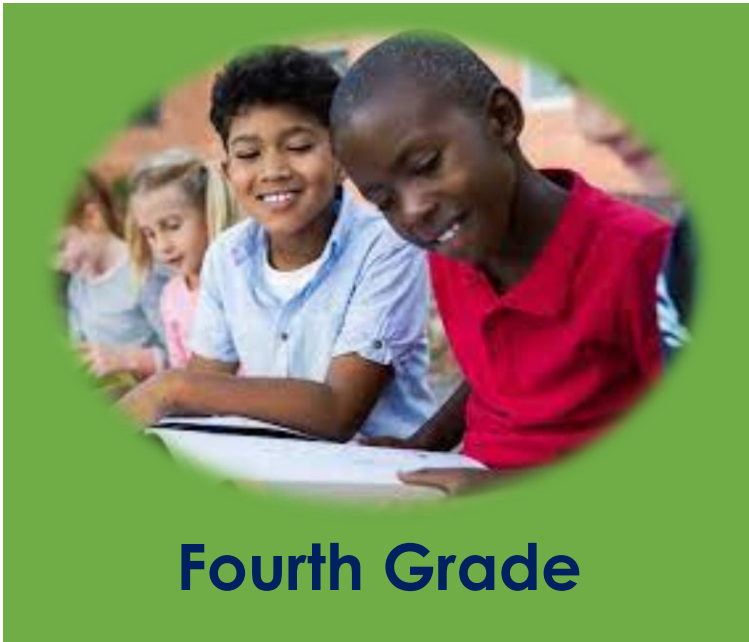
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Fourth Grade

Talking:

- Uses words correctly in conversation
- Uses language for many reasons, like asking questions, arguing, and joking
- Understands some figurative language. This is language that uses words in new or different ways. For example, "This classroom is a zoo!"
- Takes part in group discussions
- Gives correct directions to others
- Summarizes ideas in their own words
- Organizes information so it is clear
- Gives clear speeches

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Hearing & Understanding:

- Listens to and understands information
- Forms opinions based on what they hear
- Listens for specific reasons, such as to learn, enjoy, or convince

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Fifth Grade

Talking:

- Makes planned speeches. They should know their audience and include information for that group
- Delivers a speech. They should keep eye contact and use gestures and a loud voice
- Takes part in class discussions
- Summarizes main points
- Reports about information from group activities

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Hearing & Understanding:

- Listens and draws conclusions in different classes

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