

3rd Grade Scope and Sequence



The following plans are tentative and may change according to the needs of the class. Vocabulary is emphasized each month. Each year students review techniques and types of compositions learned at the previous grade level in an effort to move your child toward mastery. However, at each grade level, the curriculum graduates in depth and sophistication of reading and thinking skills.

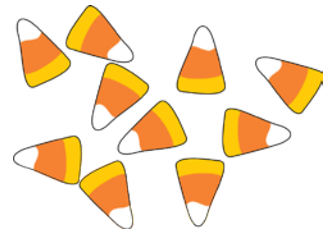
SEPTEMBER

- Present tense writing
- Memorize and apply the Agreement Rule
- Memorize the Sentence Rule and the definition of a paragraph
- Incorporate vocabulary words in all writing
- Identify the simple subject and the verb within a sentence
- Distinguish between sentences and fragments
- Identify and correct run-on sentences
- Write complex sentences
- Analyze paragraphs, identifying their components and determining the main idea
- Practice writing topic sentences
- Learn what plagiarism is and begin learning to paraphrase
- Outline when planning a paragraph
- Plan, write, and revise an expository paragraph



OCTOBER

- Present tense writing
- Apply the Agreement Rule
- Incorporate vocabulary words in all writing
- Identify the simple subject and the verb within a sentence
- Locate and correct fragments and run-on sentences within paragraphs
- Write cause and effect complex sentences and contrast complex sentences
- Write sentences that end with a participial phrase
- Practice writing topic sentences for given details
- Introduce sensory detail
- Introduce the show technique
- Learn to distinguish between general and specific statements
- Learn to make a sentence vivid by adding specific information
- Introduce four-square paragraph planning techniques and see how it correlates with an outline
- Introduce paragraph revising steps
- Plan, write, and revise descriptive/expository paragraph



NOVEMBER

- Learn to convert a sentence with a participial phrase into a complex sentence
- Introduce the show technique
- Practice writing the various types of sentences taught in October
- Agreement between subject and verb
- Outline a paragraph
- November test: review sentence types and verb tenses; create topic sentences



DECEMBER

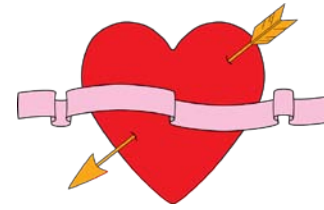
- Write complex sentences that contain sensory detail and the show technique
- Practice determining the main idea for given details and writing a quality topic sentence
- Practice taking notes without plagiarizing
- Learn to remain on topic and identify supportive details within an information sheet
- Plan, write, and revise an expository paragraph
- Major examination the week before winter break

JANUARY

- Descriptive writing in present tense
- Analyze test results, correcting errors made
- Identify the *that clause* and how it relates to the Agreement Rule and fragments
- Introduce the show technique
- Learn to incorporate the show technique in various types of sentences
- Begin writing a descriptive paragraph—incorporate sensory detail, show technique, complex sentences, and sentences with a participial phrase
- Decipher between specific vs. general details and learn where to incorporate each in a paragraph
- Progress reports dispersed to returning students

FEBRUARY

- Descriptive writing in present tense
- Continue agreement drills
- Combine sentences to form one complex sentence
- Practice dividing various topics into three supportive details
- Emphasize remaining on topic
- Introduce time connectors and new descriptive technique: the “imagining”
- Introduce compound sentences
- Begin new descriptive paragraph incorporating sensory detail, the show technique, a simile, time connectors, complex and compound sentences, and sentences with a participial phrase
- Add detail by implementing the *that clause*
- Identify and correct run-on sentences
- Write topic sentences for given details

**MARCH**

- Descriptive and narrative writing in past tense
- Introduce the narrative paragraph incorporating all descriptive techniques taught thus far
- Learn the difference between a narrative paragraph and a story
- Practice writing compound sentences
- Learn to convert compound sentences into complex sentences
- Practice writing topic sentences for given details
- Locate and correct verb tense errors within a composition

**APRIL**

- Descriptive and narrative writing in past and present tense
- Determine the main idea of given details and writing topic sentences
- Practice writing similes
- Practice writing various types of sentences: compound sentences, complex sentences, and sentences that end with a participial phrase
- Pronoun usage, capitalization, degrees of adjectives
- Practice achievement test
- Paragraph writing contest
- Sentence test: run-on sentences, eliminating sentences that do not support a topic sentence, writing topic sentences for given details, complex and compound sentences, and sentences that end with a participial phrase
- Analyze test results, correcting errors

MAY

- Descriptive writing and grammar review in past and present tense
- Major writing activities that emphasize grammar and skills taught throughout the year
- Introduce prepositional phrases
- Grammar tests
- Analyze test results, correcting errors
- Reveal contest winners
- Reveal chapbook authors
- Progress reports dispersed



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