

PARENT TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- ◆ Read to your child daily.
- ◆ Stay in touch with teachers and check on your child's progress by monitoring homework, reviewing progress reports, and report cards.
- ◆ Praise your child's efforts and newly acquired skills.
- ◆ Ask questions about school.
- ◆ Have your child at school on time every day.
- ◆ Attend report card conferences and be involved as often as possible in school related activities.
- ◆ Set high expectations and goals with your child.

**For more information contact your child's teacher
and visit these websites:**

School District of Manatee County

<http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Schools>

Florida Department of Education

www.fldoe.org

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY



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A Guide for Parents

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For a third grade student to be promoted, he or she must demonstrate “proficiency” in Reading.

READING proficiency is achieved when a third grade student scores a Level 2 or above on the **Florida Standards Assessment** in Reading.

If your child is not reading well enough to score at Level 2 or above on the reading section of the **Florida Standards Assessment** in the third grade, Florida Statute 1008.25 requires that he or she must be retained. There are only a few situations where the law allows students to go on to fourth grade if they do not score a **Florida Standards Assessment** Level 2 or higher.



Options Include:

- ◆ Students may demonstrate understanding of reading benchmarks based on performance on a district portfolio assessment.
- ◆ Students may demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment by scoring at or above the 45th percentile in Reading on the Florida Select Stanford Achievement Test 10. This assessment is administered on the final day of Summer Reading Camp.

Curriculum Maps for each grade level are located on the District Curriculum website at:

http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/curr

Dear Manatee County Families,

The Florida Standards provide a set of expectations, consistent across grade-levels, to ensure students are on the path to graduate college and career ready. The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), taken in the spring, assesses students’ progress each year from grades 3 through 10. The specific skills students need in reading and writing are described in the Language Arts Florida Standards and give information about what students

should know and be able to do at each grade level. Below is an overview of what is expected of all elementary students.

In reading, with grade-level complex text, students will:

- identify key details and themes; describe how these develop over the course of a text. “What the text says...”
- examine words, sections, and structure; describe how they contribute to the meaning of material read and the author’s purpose. “How it says it...”
- evaluate information gained through text and media; use one or more sources to communicate ideas and arguments. “How it can be used...”

In writing, routinely and for a variety of tasks, audience and purposes, students will:

- present opinions, convey information, or share narratives using supporting details and evidence.
- produce and publish clear and organized writing using the writing process; use technology in writing.
- find, evaluate, and use a variety of sources to research and present topics of varying lengths; cite sources and avoid plagiarism.

Mathematics:

In Grade 3, instruction focuses on four critical areas:

- 1) developing understanding of multiplication and division within 100;
- (2) developing understanding of fractions, especially unit fractions (fractions with numerator 1);
- (3) developing understanding of the structure of rectangular arrays and of area; and
- (4) describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes.