

St. John Vianney Catholic School
Skills Your Child Should Know Before Coming into 3rd Grade

Religion	Suggested Activities
Knows prayers	Pray before/after meals and at bedtime. Recite Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Morning Offering.

Language Arts	Suggested Activities
Writes for a variety of purposes Writes in complete sentences with beginning capitalization and ending punctuation	Keep a journal. Set a timer for 5 minutes to start off. Practice getting down ideas (rough draft) and build up to writing for longer periods. Write true stories about summer happenings. Write imaginative stories and poems. Draw pictures and write captions underneath. Write letters to family and friends. Write 3 facts learned while reading informational texts. Discuss and write about opinions and reasons for them.
Identifies the main idea and details of nonfiction	Keep a reading log and write the main idea and 3 facts learned.
Retells stories in sequence	Ask your child to tell you all of the important details of stories and movies they enjoy.
Answers basic questions about the characters, setting and plot of a story (<i>who, what, when, where and how</i>)	Read aloud to a parent and discuss the story. Choose a chapter book to read aloud to your child and have conversations about the book. Discuss story elements of movies viewed together. Listen to read aloud books and discuss, write about, draw story elements. Try https://storylineonline.net/ for fun read alouds.
Reads independently for 20 minutes; reads a variety of genres	Try this series of videos for children to help with reading stamina. https://www.thedailycafe.com/content/reading-home-parents Start small and build up to 20 minutes. Have your child choose books that get him/her excited about reading. Make quiet reading time a fun family activity each afternoon.

Math	Suggested Activities
Memorizes addition and subtraction facts to prepare for 3 and 4-digit addition and subtraction	Make flash cards. Play card games such as “War” with the sum of 2 cards.
Adds and subtracts 2-digit numbers with regrouping	Roll 2 dice twice to create addition and subtraction problems.
Understands place value; reads and writes numbers to 1,000	Roll a die 3 times to create numbers, write them, and read them aloud. What numbers can you create with those 3 digits? Compare.
Skip Count by 2’s, 3’s, 5’s, etc.	Skip count by doing jumping jacks, arm crosses, or jump rope.

Social Skills	Suggested Activities
Practices listening/communication skills (face the speaker, wait to speak)	Practice taking turns contributing to the conversation.
Practices being responsible for personal materials	Put away toys/materials after using them.
Able to sit for 30 minutes or longer	Set a timer for coloring, playing matching games, and completing puzzles.

Science/Social Studies	Suggested Activities
Science	Take nature walks. Plant seeds. Talk, draw, and write about observations.
Social Studies	Visit a mission, History Park in San Jose, etc. Talk, draw, and write about observations.