Washoe County School District
Supplemental Family Guides to Learning
At Home

Third Grade

Activities to support your child with the standards
**English Language Arts**

- Read news or magazine articles in print and digital formats. Point out the maps and graphs.
- Discuss the central message, lesson, or moral of the story.
- Use informational books and the Internet to locate information; use the information to write informative text.
- Write everyday by keeping a journal or diary with your child’s own stories or concepts he/she knows or learns.
- Add details and reasons to support your child’s opinions when writing.
- Encourage your child find and use online information when researching topics for school or personal interest.
- Encourage your child to create digital content, and share it with friends and family through tools like a family blog. Ask relatives to post comments.
- If you use social networking sites, consider creating collaborative posts with your child to help them understand appropriate online language and behaviors.

**Mathematics**

- Encourage your child to think about situations that involve equal groups such as dividing a snack or cookies among a group of friends.
- Look for large numbers on packages, on signs, and in your home. Talk about the numbers. For example: how much is 200 more? Would we have enough juice for 50 students if we buy 10 of those 6-packs? Can we buy less? What if we have 70 students? What will we need to buy then?
- Ask how many you had if you purchased ten of certain items that are grouped. For example: How many socks would you have if you bought 10 pairs? How many sodas would you have if you bought ten 6-packs? How many fruit snacks would you have if you bought 10 boxes and each box had 8 packs?
- Encourage your child to use digital tools and apps that support development of mathematical concepts and skills.
Social Studies

- Discuss rights and responsibilities of American citizens.
- Explain how memorials help us to honor and remember people.
- Practice using latitude (north and south) and longitude (east and west) when reading maps, including online maps.
- Study ways people modify the physical environment such as building roads, dams, and tunnels.
- Look at prices of goods while shopping and use applicable mobile shopping apps.
- Discuss what it means to use a bank account and to save money or resources.
- Practice the Pledge of Allegiance and discuss its purpose.
- Describe what it means to be a good leader.

Science

- Encourage your child to observe, ask questions, experiment, search for information online, and seek their own understandings of natural and human-made phenomena around them.
- Have “tug of war” with balanced (equal people and weight on both sides) and unbalanced (unequal people and weight) forces.
- Discuss why some animals do not live in all parts of the earth and why. Polar bears live where it is cold, fish and other types of amphibians live in and near water.
- Discuss traits that animals or plants get from their parents and traits that are common in your family.
- Discuss different types of regions in northern Nevada and what type of climates they have.
- Use online tools and mobile apps to check the weather in various parts of the world in real-time.