Resources and Tips for Parents of Third Graders

Pasco County Schools aims to ensure that all third-grade students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade four and beyond. To be promoted to fourth grade, a student must score a Level 2 or higher in reading on the FSA English Language Arts assessment.



Ten minutes a day of focused independent reading has the potential to change a child's academic life, and that might, in turn, change their life's trajectory.

From Disruptive Thinking by Beers & Probst, p. 136

Tips for Parents

- Schedule a parent conference to discuss your child's progress in reading
- · Encourage your child to read at home nightly
- Talk with your child about what they read and what they are learning

A look at
what happens
when only
10 minutes a day
is added to
a student's
reading.

Percentile Rank: 30

1.8 min.

Baseline words read per year: 106,000

Plus 10 minutes per day = 694,889 words per year

Percent increase in word exposure: **556%**

Percentile Rank: 50

4.6 min.

Baseline words read per year: **282,000**

Plus 10 minutes per day = 895,043 words per year

Percent increase in word exposure: 217%

Rank: 90

21.1 min.

Percentile

Baseline words read per year: 1,823,000

Plus 10 minutes per day = 2,686,981 words per year

Percent increase in word exposure: **47**%

Percentile Rank: 98

65 min.

Baseline words read per year: 4,358,000

Plus 10 minutes per day = 5,028,462 words per year

Percent increase in word exposure: **15%**

Section 1008.25(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Standards Assessment – English Language Arts (FSA-ELA). Also, a parent of a student in grade 3, who is identified anytime during the year as being at-risk of retention, may request that the school immediately begin collecting portfolio evidence.

Adapted from Adams (2006) with baseline data from Anderson, Wilson & Fielding (1988). From Disrupting Thinking by Beers & Probst, p. 137

Percentile

Rank: 70

9.6 min.

Baseline words

read per year:

622,000

Plus 10 minutes per day

= 1,269,917 words

per vear

Percent increase in word

exposure: 104%

Resources to support you and your child in developing and practicing reading skills at home

Pasco Schools
Third Grade
Curriculum Guide
https://bit.ly/2ndtRug

Florida Depatment of Education Read to Learn Document

https://bit.ly/2lKIZim





Pasco Schools Read-At-Home Plan

https://bit.ly/2mmyJgt



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