Welcome to Third Grade Writing

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Informative writing **explains** or **teaches** with facts. Start with a **topic sentence**, give **three details**, and finish with a **closing sentence**.

Linking words: *First ... Next ... Also ... Finally ...*

1. Helpful tip?

Would this tip help a new third grader? Circle **yes** or **no**.



1. Raise your hand when you have a question. yes no
2. Leave your homework at home. yes no
3. Bring your library book back on time. yes no
4. Talk while the teacher is talking. yes no
5. Ask someone new to play at recess. yes no
6. Push to be first in line. yes no

2. Topic and closing sentences

Circle the best sentence.

1. Which is the best topic sentence?

(a) Third grade is busy, but it is a fun year if you know what to expect.
(b) I have a pencil.
(c) The bus is late.

2. Which is the best closing sentence?

(a) My desk is brown.
(b) First, raise your hand.
(c) With these tips, you will feel at home in third grade in no time.

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3. Plan your paragraph

A new student is joining your class. Explain what third grade is like: what you learn, what a day looks like, and tips to do well. Plan first. Write short notes.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

Detail 1

Detail 2

Detail 3

Closing sentence

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4. Write your paragraph

Use your plan. Indent the first line.

Prompt: A new student is joining your class. Explain what third grade is like: what you learn, what a day looks like, and tips to do well.

Check: ☐ Topic sentence ☐ Three facts or details ☐ Linking words (first, also, finally) ☐ Closing sentence ☐ Capitals and periods

Answer Key

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1. Helpful tip?

1	Raise your hand when you have a question.	**yes**	no
2	Leave your homework at home.	yes	**no**
3	Bring your library book back on time.	**yes**	no
4	Talk while the teacher is talking.	yes	**no**
5	Ask someone new to play at recess.	**yes**	no
6	Push to be first in line.	yes	**no**

2. Topic and closing sentences

1. Which is the best topic sentence?

- **a** **Third grade is busy, but it is a fun year if you know what to expect.**
- b I have a pencil.
- c The bus is late.

2. Which is the best closing sentence?

- a My desk is brown.
- b First, raise your hand.
- **c** **With these tips, you will feel at home in third grade in no time.**

3. Plan your paragraph

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

Topic sentence: what will you explain?

third grade is busy but fun

Detail 1

what we learn: multiplication, chapter books, science

Detail 2

a day: morning work, reading, math, recess, gym

Detail 3

tips: raise your hand, return library books, make a friend

Closing sentence

with these tips you will feel at home

Model Answer

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4. Write your paragraph

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

Third grade is busy, but it is a fun year if you know what to expect. In third grade, you learn multiplication, read chapter books and do science experiments. A normal day starts with morning work, then reading and math, and later recess and gym. To do well, raise your hand when you have a question and bring your library book back on time. Also, ask someone new to play at recess so you make friends fast. With these tips, you will feel at home in third grade in no time.