

George Washington Academy
Guidelines for Entering Third Grade

Students entering third grade at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.

Language Arts:

- Handwriting: Fluent and proper printing.
- Phonograms: Familiar with the first 70 Spalding phonograms (returning students).
- Reading: Chapter Books
- Sentence Structure: Capital letters, punctuation, complete thought.
- Paragraph: Understand how to write a paragraph using capital letter, indentation, topic sentence, detailed sentences, concluding sentence, and proper punctuation.

Math:

- Time: Read analog clock to the minute. Understanding elapsed time within a hour.
- Skip count: 2-12 (Examples: 2, 4, 6..., 3, 6, 9..., 4, 8, 12..., 5, 10, 15...)
- Rapid Recall of Multiplication facts 0-10.
- Measuring: Measure to a half inch, centimeter, feet, and yards.
- Addition: Know facts to 12, can add two three-digit numbers with regrouping.
- Subtraction: Know facts to 12, can subtract two three-digit numbers with regrouping
- Geometry: Know the attributes of two-dimensional shapes (basic polygons and geometric solids).
- Place value: Know place value names from tenths to hundred thousands. (111,111.11)
- Fractions: Identify, compare, and name basic fractions (halves, thirds, fourths)
- Rounding: Round numbers to the nearest 10's, 100's, 1000's.

Behaviorally:

- Follow 3 step directions independently.
- Listen and articulate for 20 min.
- Students will be held to a high standard, both academically and behaviorally.

Homework:

- A minimum of half an hour of Math, Spelling and Reading each night, for a total of up to 1 ½ hours nightly.

- Planners will be sent home nightly, signed by the parents verifying that all of the homework has been completed, and returned the next school day.