

FLUENCY TIME

Students entering third grade should be able to read at least 77 words per minute to be considered “on grade level” when they begin third grade. The following passage is an example of what your child will be expected to read in third grade. Please let your child practice reading this passage several times and then time your child for one minute to see how many words he/she can read correctly in one minute.

The Wink

10 The big day was here. Rosa was in the school
19 orchestra and tonight was the winter concert. It was
30 the first time she would play the piano in front of
 an audience.

32 Rosa was worried all day in school. When she got
42 home she had butterflies in her stomach. She was still
52 scared when she left for the concert. Rosa went
61 backstage and peeked out from behind the curtain and
70 watched her friend Sam play his horn. Sam never made
80 a mistake. He looked fine. Then Rosa saw her parents
90 in the third row. Her father caught her eye and winked.

101 Suddenly, Rosa knew she could do it. She would
110 pretend she was playing for just her mom and dad.
120 Rosa stepped onto the stage. She played her song well.


130 When it was over, Rosa grinned. She winked at
139 her parents and ran off the stage. Rosa’s stage fright
149 was over. **151**

MAIN IDEA TASK CARDS Station

Directions: Read the task cards on the left and circle you answer from the three choices given on the right.

I **MAIN IDEA**

Giraffes are fascinating creatures. Did you know that giraffes can go weeks without water? Here's another fun fact: If you like to sleep, you wouldn't want to be a giraffe. They can't sleep for more than 2 hours at a time! Giraffes have very long tongues – up to 20 inches long. They use these long tongues to reach leaves, but they also use them to clean out their ears. Finally, giraffes' spot patterns are unique. There are no two alike!



Giraffes are fascinating creatures.
Giraffes have special tongues.
Giraffes have unique spot patterns.

2**MAIN IDEA**

Most people think squirrels are cute, but they can also be pests. Just ask the birds; squirrels like to raid their bird feeders! Squirrels also like to look for holes in your house so they can move right in. Then they tear up insulation in the attic, chew through electrical wires, and make a big mess. Do you still think squirrels are cute?



Squirrels are cute animals.
Squirrels can be pests.
Squirrels like to raid bird feeders.

3**MAIN IDEA**

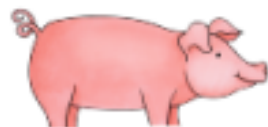
Bats can seem creepy, and most people want them to stay far away. But bats can actually be very helpful. One reason is that they eat a *lot* of insects. That means there are fewer bugs around to irritate you! It also means that farmers can use fewer pesticides. Some bats help pollinate plants when they eat fruit and nectar. We use many of these plants for food and medicine. And believe it or not, bat guano (poop) is a great fertilizer!



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Bats eat a lot of insects.
Bats are very helpful animals.

4**MAIN IDEA**

Has anyone ever told you that your room is a pigsty? Pigs have a reputation for being dirty, but this isn't exactly fair. Pigs roll in mud to cool off, not to get dirty. The mud also protects their skin from sunburn. And, unlike most farm animals, pigs are careful to keep their "bathroom" separate from their eating area.



Pigs are dirty and smelly.
Pigs are cleaner than many people think.
Pigs love to roll in mud.

5**MAIN IDEA**

Do mice love cheese? Maybe. But that's not all they eat. In fact, mice will eat just about anything they can find. Mice eat fruits, seeds, and grains. They will even eat insects, worms, and snails. House mice will even eat chocolate and peanut butter!









A mouse's favorite food is cheese.
Mice eat insects, worms, and snails.
Mice will eat just about anything.

LITERACY NIGHT WRITING STATION

ROLL - a - STORY

RULES: Each person gets to roll the dice to determine the different elements of their story. You must roll the dice once for each category: **who, where, what, and when**. Each person will then have a layout of their story. You will be given 15 minutes to write your short fictional story and then read it to your student.

ROLL	Who?	Where?	What?	When?
	A black cat	A haunted house	Gets lost and loses their memory	At midnight
	A skeleton	A cave	Turns into a monster	On a full moon night
	An old witch	Near a hollow tree	Reveals a scary secret	On a very windy and cold day
	An angry ghost	At an abandoned log cabin	Falls into a deep dark hole	During a thunderstorm
	A mummy	Deep in the woods	Becomes evil	When the sun went down
	A vampire	At the city zoo	Loses all their magic powers	On a dark and stormy night

