

Parent Helper

Kindergarten – Third Grade

Helping Students Succeed At Home

At-Home Reading Activities

Grade 3: Proficient Reader Stage

Parents or Guardians, here are some beneficial and fun activities you can do at home to help your child become more successful in reading. Short sessions seem to work best, and these simple activities can be worthwhile and enjoyable for both your child and you. Being successful in reading can help your child do well all through the school years.

| Activity | Skill Addressed |
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