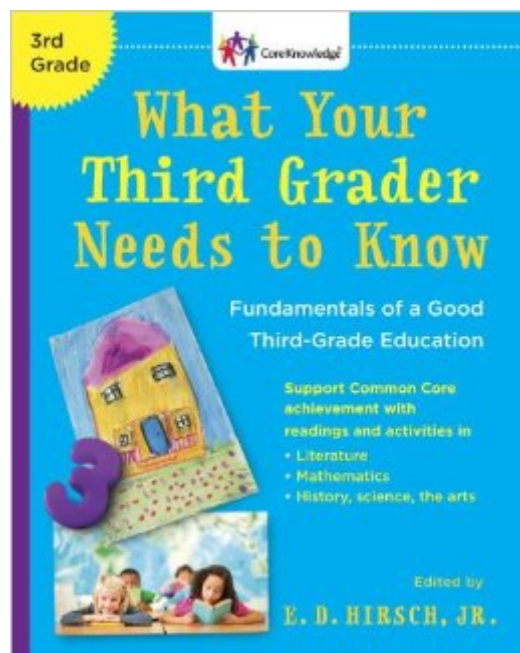


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# What Your Third Grader Needs To Know (Revised Edition): Fundamentals Of A Good Third-Grade Education (Core Knowledge Series)



## Synopsis

Give your child a smart start with *What Your Third Grader Needs to Know*. What should your child learn in the third grade? How can you help him or her at home? This book answers these important questions and more, offering the specific shared knowledge that thousands of parents and teachers across the nation have agreed upon for American third graders. Featuring sixteen pages of full-color illustrations, a bolder, easier-to-follow format, and a thoroughly updated curriculum, *What Your Third Grader Needs to Know* is designed for parents and teachers to enjoy with children. Hundreds of thousands of children have benefited from the Core Knowledge Series. This edition, featuring a new Introduction, gives today's generation of third graders the advantage they need to make progress in school and to establish an approach to learning that will last a lifetime. In this book you'll discover:

- Favorite poems—old and new, from the traditional rhyme "For Want of a Nail" to Lewis Carroll's whimsical poem "The Crocodile"
- Literature—including Native American stories, African folktales, European fairy tales, classic myths from ancient Greece, stories from ancient Rome, and more
- Learning about language—the basics of written English, including sentence structure, parts of speech, and a first look at writing a report or letter
- World and American history and geography—journey down the great rivers of Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia, visit ancient Rome, and experience the earliest days of America with the Pilgrims and Native Americans
- Visual arts—an introduction to masterworks by Rembrandt, Henri Matisse, Mary Cassatt, and others, with full-color reproductions and fun, do-it-yourself activities
- Music—the fundamentals of appreciating, reading, and making music, plus great composers, instruments, and sing-along lyrics for songs such as "Bicycle Built for Two" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
- Math—stimulating lessons ranging from counting money to solving division problems, numbers through 100,000, graphs, and the metric system
- Science—fascinating discussions on the natural world, the cycles of life, the human body and its systems, and the environment, with accompanying activities and stories about famous scientists such as Copernicus and Alexander Graham Bell

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## Customer Reviews

This book is great if you homeschool or want to help your child during the summer. If you want to use it for homeschool, Hirsch has made a teacher handbook. The Teacher Handbooks provide background about language arts, history and geography, visual arts, music, mathematics, and science. Each handbook has been written to look like the Core Knowledge Sequence. For each section in the Sequence, there is a matching section in the handbooks.

For our two children, we have been using Core Knowledge Curriculum Textbooks. They are great a supplement to the learning they get at their school. We like the systematic curriculum presented in Core Knowledge books. However, these books do not contain question sets to test the learning of the students. Fortunately, we found the following website that provides worksheets based on Core Knowledge curriculum:[...]Please share if you know of any other resources related to Core Knowledge books. Thank you.

This book contains such a comprehensive overview that it is invaluable as resource for parents of public schooled children. If you are not sure about what your children should be learning, buy this book. No book contains every aspect of education and it doesn't address how to tailor to individual learning styles or needs but it is very well rounded. My daughter uses it as pleasure reading at bedtime. Also, as a parent, you will be surprised what you've forgotten in a few areas. Highly recommend as a teaching at home resource.

I am a homeschooling parent of a 10 year old and this book has helped me narrow my teaching down to include some important things ( even some I was missing!) Every 3rd grade teacher should at least look at this book. All kids should be learning the same things regardless of school or home

state. Half of the things in this book were never even mentioned in my child's previous school's curriculum plan. A great guidebook to make sure you are including important subjects in your child's learning plan.

I find this series very useful for reviewing with my children - to ensure that my son "got it" for material taught in class, and to cover aspects that teachers were less interested in (like simple machines). It isn't glitzy, but it lets me know what my kids ought to know and helps with the level of detail they can handle. I can augment with glossy picture-books, testing material out with hands-on work at home, ad lib. This provides the framework. (Wish there was a pre-school book for my 3-year old!)

The Language Arts section has the perfect balance of silliness and sentimentality. My third grader rewrites the poems and they have engaged her enough to where she is now independently writing her own poems and silly songs. Because of this new found love for poetry, her penmanship as well as her spelling have improved tenfold. She is also enjoying putting the different forms of art to use. The geography and history sections give a brief over view but when we include out globes, maps and make our own maps, she has a complete understanding of not only the vocabulary but knowing and understanding what happened, where it happened and how to find it. She has always been addicted to science and math. She has always had a natural understanding (knack) for those. We love this series of books!

I loved the core knowledge curriculum. The reason I switched my children to a charter school is that they started out teaching CK. I also switched them back to the public school when the principal got away from CK and made it just like a public school. I agree that a teacher should supplement what is in the CK books to give their students a better understanding of the material. Teaching the information exactly how it is presented in the books would be very dry. However CK is a great outline of what should be taught. It covers a tremendous amount of knowledge including the fight for civil rights, all religious ideology, multicultural literature and more. If there is a problem with the books, it is that many children would not be motivated to learn the wide variety of topics covered. For many it would be too much. Also weak teachers would be overwhelmed trying to cover everything. Hence, anyone claiming that CK supports a racist philosophy has never read the books. Also I want to point out that the reviewer who called the books racist misspelled the word. It is not spelled rasist. I also find it disturbing that the reviewer is supposedly a teacher. When attending school, maybe that

teacher would have benefited from a core knowledge foundation.

this is a great book for anyone starting out homeschooling and not knowing where to start. I was lost on what to teach my children until i got this. everything is right there for you. I got the other cover of this book but they all still have the same. my children enjoy working through the book and made it easy for them to understand. I want to note this is based on common core but not as bad as other books that i have come across in my search for something good. I would suggest this to anyone new to homeschooling or something to give a little extra studies to your children for what they are learning in school.

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