

**Third Grade Language Arts  
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance**

<b>Bundle</b>	<b>Title</b> Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	<b>Guiding Questions</b>
1	<b><i>Story Elements and Characterization</i></b> Literary elements help us understand the purpose of a story.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we read books?</li> <li>▪ Why is the time and place important to the story?</li> <li>▪ How do characters change in a story?</li> <li>▪ What causes a character to change in a story?</li> </ul>
2	<b><i>Story Elements and Characterization</i></b> Literary elements help us understand the purpose of a story.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we read books?</li> <li>▪ How important is the time and place to the story?</li> <li>▪ How do characters change in a story?</li> <li>▪ What causes a character to change in a story?</li> </ul>
3	<b><i>Narrative Text</i></b> Showing an understanding of text is important for readers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does talking with others help a reader better understand texts?</li> <li>▪ How do we use text features to better understand text?</li> </ul>
4	<b><i>Expository Text</i></b> Understanding informational texts is an important part of life. Cause influences effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do we use text features to better understand text?</li> <li>▪ How can representing text in different ways lead to a better understanding?</li> <li>▪ Why is it important to learn how to use different resources?</li> <li>▪ How do readers and writers use cause and effect to understand what they read?</li> </ul>
5	<b><i>Research and Author's Purpose</i></b> Research will be used throughout life. Every author has a reason to write.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What makes a source credible?</li> <li>▪ How does research strengthen comprehension and awareness of the world around us?</li> <li>▪ How can an author's experiences influence the way they write?</li> </ul>
6	<b><i>Research Writing and Cause/Effect</i></b> Research will be used throughout life. Cause influences effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How can a student learn through productions and displays such as oral and written?</li> <li>▪ How does the topic of research affect the way it is presented to the audience?</li> <li>▪ How do changes transform people, places, and things? (cause and effect)</li> <li>▪ How do readers and writers use cause and effect to understand what they read?</li> </ul>
7	<b><i>Drawing Conclusions and Inferences</i></b> Good readers make inferences based on what they read.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do personal connections help readers make inferences?</li> <li>▪ How do readers make inferences based on what they read?</li> </ul>
8	<b><i>Tall Tales, Myths, and Legends</i></b> Tall tales, myths, and legends are a part of our American cultural experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does exaggeration make a piece of writing entertaining?</li> <li>▪ How are tall tales, myths, and legends similar?</li> <li>▪ How are tall tales, myths, and legends different?</li> </ul>
9	<b><i>Biography and Autobiography/Review</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does your life compare/differ from the person studied?</li> </ul>

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	Biographies and autobiographies are good ways to learn about others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How are people transformed through their relationships with others?</li> </ul>
10	<b><i>Poetry</i></b> Poetry plays an important role in our lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does figurative language enhance a poem's effect on the audience?</li> <li>▪ How are different types of poetry used to convey messages?</li> <li>▪ How can word choice, point of view, and symbolism help students grasp a deeper meaning of poetry?</li> </ul>
11	<b><i>Communication</i></b> Communication comes in different forms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does communication impact society?</li> <li>▪ How does the learner's perception of communication affect understanding?</li> <li>▪ How does your form of communicating with an audience change based on the setting?</li> </ul>
12	<b><i>How-to's/Review</i></b> Informational text is a part of every day life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How can a clear set of directions make a task easier?</li> <li>▪ What are some necessary things to include in a set of directions in order to make them easy to follow?</li> </ul>