

Third Grade Prompts

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Narrative Prompts

- One of the fun activities in life is visiting interesting places. When we visit an interesting place, we get to experience and learn about new things. Think about a time that you visited a special place. Think about the people who were with you, who you met along the way, and anything unusual that might have happened to someone during the visit. Write a narrative paper about a special visit to a special place. Describe where you went carefully. Include your personal thoughts and feelings about the visit.
- You are getting ready for a holiday (Halloween, Valentines' Day, the 4th of July). Tell about how you felt before the holiday describing what you did to get ready. Then share your experiences and your feelings on that special day. What made it memorable? Then share what it was like as the day ended and the days that followed. Write a narrative paper describing the before, during and after of a special holiday for you and your family.
- What if you woke up to discover that you had been turned into a *thing* for one day? What thing were you turned into? (It has to be an inanimate object--something that does not move.) Describe what your day was like. Write a narrative paper telling about the moment you changed into that thing until you returned to your real self at the end of of the day. Did you stay in one place? If not, how did you move to a new place? What did it feel like being that thing?
- What would happen if one morning everyone woke up and found out that their pets could talk? Imagine what would happen if your pet could talk. Think about the things that your pet would like or dislike about its life, and the things that would be important to your pet! Write a story about the day you spent with your talking pet. Remember to use vivid verbs and interesting adjectives in your story.

- How did you become so small? Think about the advantages and disadvantages to being less than an inch tall! Write the tale of your adventures as a really small person. Include details about how you became so small, the feelings you experienced, and how you returned to your normal size. Remember to use interesting adjectives to describe how your surroundings appeared to you so that your reader will understand what it was like to be a tiny person in a giant world!

- Think of a time that you really enjoyed spending with a good friend. What was it about the time that has created a good memory for you? Write a narrative paper describing all the wonderful feelings and things you did. Start at the beginning of the special time you spent with your friend describing in order what happened. Tell about the events, the places, other people, and the feelings you experienced. Write this paper with good descriptive language so the reader can actually imagine watching this great time.



Expository Prompts

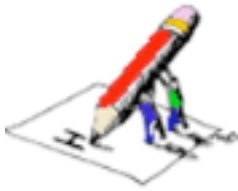
- We see trees around us everywhere. There are so many trees that sometimes we forget how important they are and how they make our lives more enjoyable. Write an expository paper explaining how trees make life more enjoyable. Give reasons why you think as you do.
- You have been learning in school about how people can be healthier. The doctors in Wilmette are writing a book about things you can do to be healthy. They want suggestions from students about what people should and should not do to keep their bodies healthy. Write an expository paper explaining what you think you should do to stay healthy.

▪ Your little brother (sister) just got his/her first two-wheeler. You can remember what it was like to ride for the very first time. You would like to help your brother (sister) to learn about what can keep them safe. Write an expository paper telling them all the important steps it takes to be safe riding a bicycle while having fun.

▪ Your mom has had it with the whole family. She thinks the manners at meal time has hit an all time low. She refuses to cook or buy groceries until the family shows respectful, pleasant manners while eating. You have decided to help by writing all the important characteristics of a person with manners at dinner. Write an expository paragraph describing in detail what it takes to be a respectful, pleasant person at the dinner table. This will help your family get back on the right track and bring mom back too.

▪ Best friends are special people in our lives. Think about your best friend and reasons that you like him or her. Think about things that you enjoy doing together. Write a paper telling about your best friend. Include at least three reasons why s/he is your best friend. Remember to use specific details to explain and support your reasons. Use interesting adjectives and descriptive words to make your paper interesting to read. Include a short personal story about your best friend to help explain one of your reasons. This can be started by using the words: "An example of this is" or "I remember one time when".

▪ People learn things in school and in life. What is the most important thing you have ever learned? You may have learned how to do something. Perhaps you learned a valuable lesson about how to get along with people. Think about reasons why this lesson was important to you. Remember to tell at least three reasons why what you learned was so important. Use specific details to explain and support your reasons. Include a short personal story about how what you learned helped you later, to help explain one of your reasons why what you learned was so important. Use interesting adjectives and descriptive words to make your paper interesting to read.



Persuasive Prompts

- Your newspaper is offering a prize for the “Best Relative of the Year”. Think about which one of your relatives should win this prize. This relative could be a parent, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, or cousin. Think about the reasons your relative could win the prize and why he or she is the best. How will you persuade the judges to give your relative the award for the year? Write a persuasive paper telling your reasons why your relative is qualified to be the winner.
- Some children in third grade have a set time when they must go to bed on school nights. Other children this age go to bed only when they are tired. Still others go to bed long before they want to or feel ready for bed. Do you think children your age should go to bed at a certain time on school nights, or only when they get tired? Why or why not? Write a persuasive paper telling whether you think children in third grade should have a certain time to go to bed on school nights or whether they should go to bed whenever they are feeling tired. Give reasons why you think as you do.
- The mayor of your town recently made the following statement: “It always strikes me as a terrible shame to see young people spending so much time staring at television. If we could unplug all the TV sets in America, our children would grow up to be healthier, better educated, and more independent human beings.” The newspaper wants to print the four best student responses to the mayor’s statement. Write a persuasive paper telling whether or not you agree with the mayor. Write whether you think it is a good idea to turn off all the TVs. Give specific reasons why you think that way.



▪ Your principal wants to invite a famous person to speak at one of your school assemblies about First Class Central characteristics and being a good citizen. Think about a celebrity you would choose to have speak; then, write a letter to persuade your principal to invite this person. Be sure to include convincing reasons and details to support your choice.

▪ The Little Red Hen has worked hard to prepare the bread. The dog, the cat and the pig refused to help the Little Red Hen with any of the work. Now, they want to help eat the bread. Do you think Little Red Hen should share the bread with cat, dog, and pig? Why or why not?

Write a persuasive paper telling whether you think the Little Red Hen should share her bread with cat, dog and pig or whether she should keep the bread for herself. Give reasons why you think as you do.

▪ Rules! Rules! Rules! Sometimes it seems like there are way too many rules in the life of a third grader. Rules can help a third grader too. Write a persuasive paper that will encourage someone to follow the rules. Give good reasons that tell why you believe rules are helpful to kids. Give examples in your writing.

