Grade 3 Unit 4 – Research Clubs: Elephants, Penguins, and Frogs, Oh, My! Reading Workshop: Jan./Feb.

## **Unit Overview**

The third graders again explore the world of nonfiction with this research based unit on the study of animals. The exciting thing is that while the children are researching and learning about animals, they are also learning to learn! The children will form clubs and study an animal with their research club. Club members will read subtopics independently and pull what they are learning together, organizing and synthesizing all their new knowledge. Clubs will then research a second animal and learn to compare and contrast across animals, mining ever deeper into the attributes of these varied species for ways they are linked together.

Ultimately, the children will use all that they now know and understand about these animals to solve real- world problems; for example creating a better life for an animal in a zoo. This unit will prepare the third graders for a similar research unit taught in fourth grade on extreme weather.

For additional information regarding the unit please see TCRWP User's Guide and Units of Study for Teaching Reading Grade 3 Book 4.

Session	Writing Standards	Reading Standards	Speaking & Listening Standard	s Language Standards
1	W.3.3	RL.3.1, RL.3.2, <b>RL.3.3</b> , RL.3.4, <b>RL.3.6</b> , RL.3.10	SL.3.1, SL.3.2, SL.3.6	L.3.1, L.3.3, L.3.4, L.3.6
2	W.3.3	RL.3.1, RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.4, RL.3.6, RL.3.10	SL.3.1, SL.3.2, SL.3.4, SL.3.6	L.3.1, <b>L.3.3</b> , L.3.6
3	W.3.3	RL.3.1, RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.5, RL.3.6, RL.3.10, RF.3.4	SL.3.1, SL.3.4, SL.3.6	L.3.1, L.3.3, L.3.6
1	W.3.3, W.3.10	RL.3.1, RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.4, RL.3.6, RL.3.9, RL.3.10	SL.3.1, SL.3.2, SL.3.4, SL.3.6	L.3.1, L.3.2, L.3.3, L.3.6
5	W.3.3	RL.3.1, RL.3.2, <b>RL.3.3</b> , <b>RL.3.5</b> , RL.3.6, RL.3.10	SL.3.1, SL.3.2, SL.3.4, SL.3.6	L.3.1, L.3.3, L.3.6
5	W.3.3	<b>RL.3.1</b> , RL.3.2, <b>RL.3.3</b> , RL.3.4, RL.3.5, RL.3.6, RL.3.9, RL.3.10, RF.3.3, RF.3.4	SL.3.1, <b>SL.3.4</b> , SL.3.6	L.3.1, L.3.3, L.3.6
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<sup>\*</sup>Bold indicates Priority Standards that are a major emphasis.

	Overarching Standards Aligning w	ith Grade 3 Unit 4, Character Stud	lies
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1	RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.		
	RL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.		
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	RL.3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.		
	RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.		
	RL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as <i>chapter</i> , <i>scene</i> , and <i>stanza</i> ; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.		
	RF.3.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.		
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11	RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.	SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners	
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	RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.		L.3.5 Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
	RL.3.9 Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).		
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Enduring Understandings	<b>Essential Questions</b>	Performance Expectations
Readers can learn about any topic by reading.	<ul> <li>How do readers learn from reading nonfiction texts?</li> </ul>	Organize and understand what they are learning by noticing and using text structures.
<ul> <li>Readers can support and enhance learning by asking questions and seeking answers collaboratively.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How can readers support and push each other's learning during club or group work?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepare for reading a nonfiction text by reading the title, subtitles, and skimming the text.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Readers develop evidence-based theories and apply them to find solutions to real- world problems.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How do readers respond to the text and each other with reactions and questions,</li> </ul>	Use questioning techniques to grow ideas about nonfiction.
<ul> <li>Readers not only read on to seek answers,</li> </ul>	and read on to draw conclusions?	Use the structure of nonfiction text to talk like an expert on the topic.
but think over everything they have read so far and synthesize it with everything they already know.	<ul> <li>How do readers learn to speak critically about a topic, using skills like compare and contrast to develop real world</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compare and contrast the traits of animals within a topic and across topics; for example by noticing some ways a tiger is like a spider.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Readers pay attention to text structure to hold on to meaning and organize their learning.</li> </ul>	knowledge?	Develop theories about what they are learning and apply their theories to realworld problems.
Readers think deeply about texts while		See patterns across topics and pursue questions about those patterns.
using analytical skills like compare and contrast and cause and effect.		Think deeply about a topic by reading closely and noticing cause and effect relationships.

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Suggested Materials/Resources lentor Text & Read-Aloud
ee Reading Units Grade 3 Book 3.
Frogs; Elizabeth Carney (K)
Frogs and Toads; Bobbie Kalman (P) Gorillas; Lori McManus
The Life Cycle of an Emperor Penguin; Bobbie Kalman and Robin Johnson (N)
The Life Cycle of a Frog; Bobbie Kalman and Kathryn Smithyman (N)
The Penguin, a Funny Bird; Beatrice Fontanel
Penguins; Bobbie Kalman (M)
Bees; Susan Ashley (K)
Helpful and Harmful Insects; Molly Aloian and Bobbie Kalman (M)
A Butterfly is Patient; Diana Hutts Aston (N)
Life Cycles; Angela Royston (N)

## **Suggested Strategies**

- Create and refer to anchor charts.
- Study pages from exemplar reader's notebooks.
- Provide and present mentor texts as models.
- Teach the Work of Readers Charts.
- Teach children strategies for holding onto text, for example by using Post-its and graphic organizers.
- Model (Talk Aloud) the strategies good readers use.
- Model, provide, and use a reader's notebook.
- Tap, sketch, or jot across a story as a way of retaining information and details.
- Study book introductions and endings.
- Practice creating mental movies as you read.
- Investigate figurative language and descriptive vocabulary and how authors use them.
- Turn and Talk the dialogue in a story to bring the characters' feelings alive.
- Set mini-reading goals for engagement, print work, fluency, comprehension, and/or conversation.

## **Suggested Differentiation Methods**

The design of reading workshop allows for individualized instruction and independent growth for every child.

- provide leveled books appropriate for all reading levels
- provide support as needed through conferencing
- provide support as needed through strategy groups
- provide support as needed through guided reading groups
- provide individualized copies of teaching charts
- provide modified and/or alternate grade level checklists and rubrics to scaffold or stretch learning
- scaffold or stretch learning through the use of various strategies
- provide appropriate reading partners

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example digital journals.

Provide checklists and reading progressions to assess and develop on-going reading goals.
Scaffold skills with strategies, for example using Post-its to identify key elements of a chapter.
Write long about reading.
Practice alternating the speed a text is read to reflect tone and mood.
Plan to celebrate the conclusion of classroom reading projects.
Use technology in the reading classroom; for

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## **Assessments**

Assessment in this unit takes three forms: diagnostic, formative, and summative. There are downloadable, digital versions of the assessment tools available through the online resources at; <a href="https://www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources">www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources</a>.

Student self-assessment and peer assessment should take place whenever possible--again, in all three forms: diagnostic, formative, and summative. Removing the traditional emphasis on teacher assessment enables students to take more initiative and become self-directed.

On-going teacher assessment will take place in the context of a conference. Conferences, both small group and one-to-one conferring, are used to reinforce expectations, provide advice and/or assistance, and ultimately, to support growth.

Suggested Assessment Methods						
Diagnostic Assessments	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments				
Running Records	Teacher-student conferences including:	Teacher-student conferences				
Spelling Inventory	individual, small group, strategy group, and	Running Records				
Conferring	guided reading	Spelling Assessments				
	Daily observation of students' participation	Reading logs				
	during the active engagement segment of	and other evidence of students improving				
	each mini-lesson. Students' conversation	skills				
	with partners during Turn and Talk segment					
	of mini-lessons.					
	Reading logs					
	Writing About Reading evidence (Post-its)					

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# **Scope and Sequence of Teaching Points**

The following teaching points and activities are adapted from Units of Study for Teaching Reading Grade 3 (Calkins et al., 2016) and serve as a loose framework for teachers, who will add and/or emphasize based on their students' needs.