

Colorado Springs School District 11
3rd Grade Common Word List

Student Name	1st Testing/date	2nd Testing/date	3rd Testing/date	4th Testing/date	5th Testing/date
able					
<i>accident</i>					
action					
activities					
actually					
address					
<i>adult</i>					
adventure					
afternoon					
agree					
agreed					
allow					
allowed					
<i>although</i>					
<i>altogether</i>					
<i>America</i>					
amount					
anger					
angry					
<i>anyone</i>					
apart					
apartment					
April					
<i>area</i>					
arithmetic					
army					
arrive					
arrived					
attached					
attention					
August					
<i>aunt</i>					
author					
<i>autumn</i>					
<i>average</i>					
awful					
bait					
<i>balance</i>					
<i>barbeque</i>					
<i>basic</i>					
bath					
beach					
beak					
<i>beauty</i>					

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<i>believe</i>					
beneath					
beyond					
birth					
blanket					
blast					
blood					
bloom					
board					
born					
<i>bounce</i>					
branch					
brave					
bread					
breath					
breeze					
bright					
bring					
brother					
<i>build</i>					
<i>building</i>					
<i>built</i>					
bunch					
burn					
buy					
cabin					
<i>cage</i>					
calendar					
<i>cancel</i>					
<i>captain</i>					
care					
careful					
carefully					
carpet					
cartoon					
catch					
<i>caught</i>					
celebrate					
<i>center</i>					
<i>cereal</i>					
<i>certain</i>					
<i>certainly</i>					
channel					
charge					
chase					

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cheer					
<i>child</i>					
choke					
<i>circle</i>					
<i>citizen</i>					
clean					
clear					
<i>climb</i>					
clock					
coin					
collect					
<i>college</i>					
column					
<i>comb</i>					
combine					
common					
<i>community</i>					
company					
compare					
complete					
<i>concern</i>					
contain					
continue					
continued					
copy					
corner					
count					
<i>couple</i>					
<i>courage</i>					
<i>cousin</i>					
<i>covered</i>					
crawl					
<i>create</i>					
crime					
crowd					
cruel					
current					
damp					
<i>dance</i>					
<i>danger</i>					
<i>dangerous</i>					
dare					
<i>daughter</i>					
<i>dead</i>					
dear					

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<i>death</i>					
<i>December</i>					
<i>decide</i>					
<i>decimal</i>					
details					
determine					
determined					
dictionary					
difference					
different					
difficult					
direct					
direction					
disappear					
discover					
discovered					
discuss					
<i>distance</i>					
divide					
<i>divided</i>					
division					
doctor					
dollar					
dollars					
<i>double</i>					
dozen					
drank					
draw					
drink					
ear					
<i>early</i>					
<i>earn</i>					
<i>earth</i>					
either					
electric					
elements					
else					
employee					
empty					
<i>energy</i>					
<i>engine</i>					
enjoy					
enter					
entered					
entire					

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equal					
equation					
escape					
event					
everyone					
<i>evidence</i>					
<i>excellent</i>					
<i>excited</i>					
<i>exciting</i>					
exit					
expect					
experiment					
explore					
factories					
factors					
factory					
fair					
false.					
famous					
favor					
favorite					
<i>feather</i>					
<i>February</i>					
<i>fence</i>					
fifty					
<i>figure</i>					
<i>final</i>					
finish					
finished					
<i>flavor</i>					
float					
<i>flood</i>					
forty					
fraction					
frighten					
front					
<i>furniture</i>					
gallon					
<i>garage</i>					
<i>garbage</i>					
gather					
<i>gentle</i>					
<i>giant</i>					
globe					
grand					

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groan					
<i>groceries</i>					
ground					
growl					
<i>guard</i>					
<i>guess</i>					
<i>guest</i>					
<i>guide</i>					
half					
halt					
<i>handsome</i>					
hang					
harm					
harvest					
<i>heavy</i>					
<i>height</i>					
hello					
herd					
herself					
history					
<i>hold</i>					
honk					
hospital					
however					
<i>huge</i>					
human					
hundred					
hunger					
hurry					
hurt					
<i>husband</i>					
<i>improve</i>					
inch					
inches					
information					
<i>instance</i>					
<i>instead</i>					
instrument					
instruments					
invite					
<i>iron</i>					
<i>island</i>					
January					
join					
<i>July</i>					

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June					
knee					
knife					
knight					
knob					
knock					
knot					
<i>known</i>					
<i>lady</i>					
<i>laugh</i>					
<i>laughed</i>					
law					
<i>lazy</i>					
least					
<i>leather</i>					
length					
let's					
letter					
library					
liquid					
located					
loud					
lunch					
magazine					
<i>magic</i>					
magnet					
major					
March					
market					
married					
match					
May					
maybe					
<i>measure</i>					
melody					
member					
memory					
mental					
menu					
merry					
message					
method					
million					
<i>mind</i>					
<i>minute</i>					

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<i>minutes</i>					
model					
modern					
moment					
months					
motion					
motor					
<i>mountain</i>					
mouth					
<i>movement</i>					
multiply					
<i>muscles</i>					
museum					
music					
nation					
<i>natural</i>					
<i>nature</i>					
<i>necessary</i>					
<i>neighbor</i>					
neither					
newspaper					
nickel					
noise					
noon					
northern					
November					
numeral					
object					
observe					
occur					
<i>ocean</i>					
October					
offered					
<i>office</i>					
operation					
<i>opposite</i>					
orbit					
order					
organize					
<i>original</i>					
<i>oxygen</i>					
pair					
parent					
parents					
patch					

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pay					
<i>peace</i>					
<i>pencil</i>					
penny					
perfect					
phone					
planet					
please					
poem					
<i>police</i>					
poor					
<i>possible</i>					
pound					
<i>practice</i>					
prepare					
prepared					
present					
pressure					
pretty					
prevent					
<i>process</i>					
<i>produce</i>					
product					
products					
project					
property					
proud					
provide					
public					
purpose					
push					
quart					
quick					
quickly					
radio					
railroad					
raise					
raised					
raw					
reach					
reached					
<i>realize</i>					
reason					
<i>region</i>					
regular					

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remain					
repair					
repeat					
repeated					
represent					
required					
result					
return					
review					
rhythm					
<i>rough</i>					
round					
royal					
sample					
scare					
score					
scratch					
scream					
season					
secret					
sense					
separate					
September					
serious					
serve					
<i>service</i>					
settled					
short					
<i>shoulder</i>					
<i>shove</i>					
shy					
sight					
<i>silence</i>					
silent					
silver					
simple					
<i>sincerely</i>					
sister					
sixty					
size					
<i>slice</i>					
<i>slow</i>					
<i>slowly</i>					
smart					
<i>sold</i>					

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<i>soldier</i>					
<i>soldiers</i>					
solid					
solve					
<i>someone</i>					
<i>something</i>					
sore					
<i>southern</i>					
<i>space</i>					
<i>spread</i>					
<i>squash</i>					
squeak					
statement					
<i>stomach</i>					
<i>strange</i>					
strength					
stretch					
stretched					
strong					
<i>structure</i>					
student					
students					
style					
<i>success</i>					
sudden					
<i>suggested</i>					
supply					
support					
<i>surface</i>					
surprise					
symbol					
symbols					
system					
telephone					
television					
<i>temperature</i>					
terrible					
themselves					
thirty					
<i>though</i>					
thousand					
thousands					
<i>throughout</i>					
till					
<i>tiny</i>					

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<i>tongue</i>					

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total					
transportation					
travel					
twenty					
type					
uncle					
understand					
United States					
unless					
useful					
usual					
<i>view</i>					
voice					
war					
warm					
waste					
<i>weather</i>					
<i>weigh</i>					
<i>weight</i>					
whenever					
whether					
wild					
winner					
winter					
<i>woman</i>					
wonder					
worse					
worth					
written					
wrong					
yard					

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Third Grade Common Word List

This sheet is for teacher recording purposes. The student will be looking at his/her own list and the teacher will mark the student's reading in the boxes on this sheet. This recording tool can be used as an ongoing piece of data.

Since students read a variety of texts in a balanced literacy program, these words may not be learned in any certain order. Students will gain these words after multiple exposures; therefore this entire list should be used during each testing time. (The testing can take 2-3 sessions over 2-5 days.)

Italicized words are sight words. The remaining words are high frequency words, pattern words, and content words.

Proficiencies are scored as follows:

(Students will demonstrate understanding of vocabulary essential to text and content.

Students will use a range of resources to build oral and reading vocabulary to include sight words and multi-syllabic words)

Third grade students will be able to read all Kindergarten, First and Second grade words.

At the end of quarter one, students will be able to read 125 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter two, students will be able to read 250 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter three, students will be able to read 375 of these sight words.

At the end of quarter four, students will be able to read 526 (or all) of these sight words.

There are a total of 526 Third grade words. Other words will be learned from phonics, spelling and vocabulary programs to total the expected 1000+ words.

Use the following marks:

Checkmark = read fluently without any pausing or decoding

Straight line = read, but with decoding or pausing, not automatic

Circle = unknown

Resources used to compile these words:

1993 Instant Words, Fry

1998 McREL, Bodrova, Leong, Semenov

1999 Language and Reading Success, Living Word Vocabulary, Biemiller

2003 Colorado Springs School District 11 Common Sight Words

Rebecca Sitton's list of 1200 writing words