



GOING TO GRADE 3

A parent guide to the
Ontario Curriculum

Dear Parents,
We know that this year has been hard. Moving back and forth between online and in-person learning was challenging for both students and educators. This guide is meant to serve as a blueprint for your child's learning. Inside you will find the essential learning goals for your child's grade level.

What's Included:

- Curriculum Essentials
- Strategies for Emerging & Excelling students
- Complimentary Resources



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MATH

YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW HOW TO..

Tally items and fill in a graph



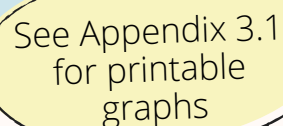
My child is struggling:

Focus on tallying by having your child tally different things in your home (windows, doors, beds etc.)

My child is excelling:

Have your child create their own questions to tally and graph

See Appendix 3.1 for printable graphs



Add and subtract numbers to 20

My child is struggling:

Have your child use small objects (buttons, marbles, lego etc.) to help them add and subtract

My child is excelling:

Have your child add/subtract more than 2 numbers in one equation (i.e. $3+7+2=?$)

Create and extend number patterns



My child is struggling:

Review skip counting using a number line. Emphasize that the same number is added or subtracted each time

My child is excelling:

Create number patterns using changing variables (+2, -1, +2, -1), as opposed to single variable (2, 4, 5, 8 -- two is added each time)

Identify place value to 900

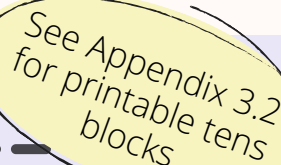
My child is struggling:

Use tens blocks to create numbers under 100 ($54=5$ tens + 4 ones)

My child is excelling:

Practice adding and subtracting large simple number using place value (e.g. $50-40$, $300+200$, $30+40$)

See Appendix 3.2 for printable tens blocks



LITERACY

YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW HOW TO..



Read DRA levels 26-28

My child is struggling:

Read with your child, at their recommended level, daily. Review and utilize the decoding strategies provided

See Appendix 3.3 for decoding strategies

My child is excelling:

Read more challenging texts with your child. Your child must read 95% of the words independently before moving on

See Appendix 3.4 for a printable story map

Retell a story in the correct sequence

My child is struggling:

On sticky notes, create a few quick drawings that represent the sequence of events in the story. Have your child put them in the correct order

My child is excelling:

Have your child write out their response and add details

Spell sight words and high frequency words



My child is struggling:

Practice Grade 1 Dolch Words

See Appendix 3.5 for Dolch Words

My child is excelling:

Practice reading and spelling Grade 3 words

See Appendix 3.6 for prompts

Write 3 sentences in response to a writing prompt

My child is struggling:

Have your child draw a picture **first**, describe the picture to you orally, and then write about the picture

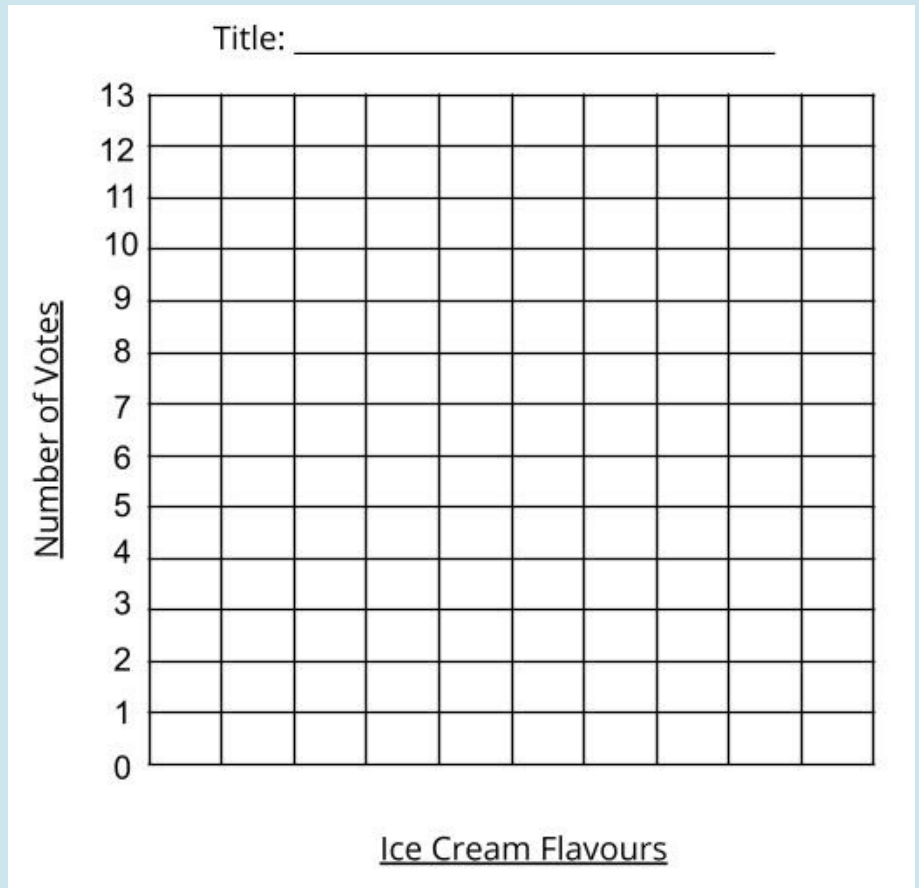
My child is excelling:

Ensure your child is writing with correct grammar (capitals and periods)

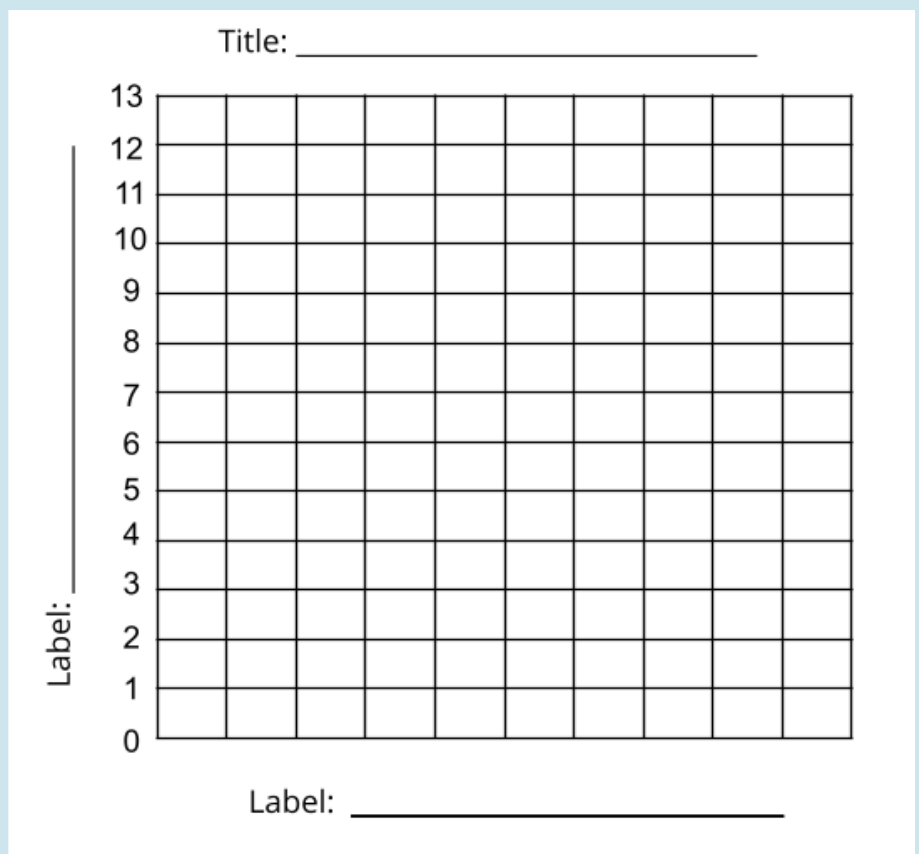
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3.1 Tally Charts and Graphs

Favourite Ice Cream Flavours	
Chocolate	
Vanilla	
Strawberry	
Cookie Dough	
Oreo	



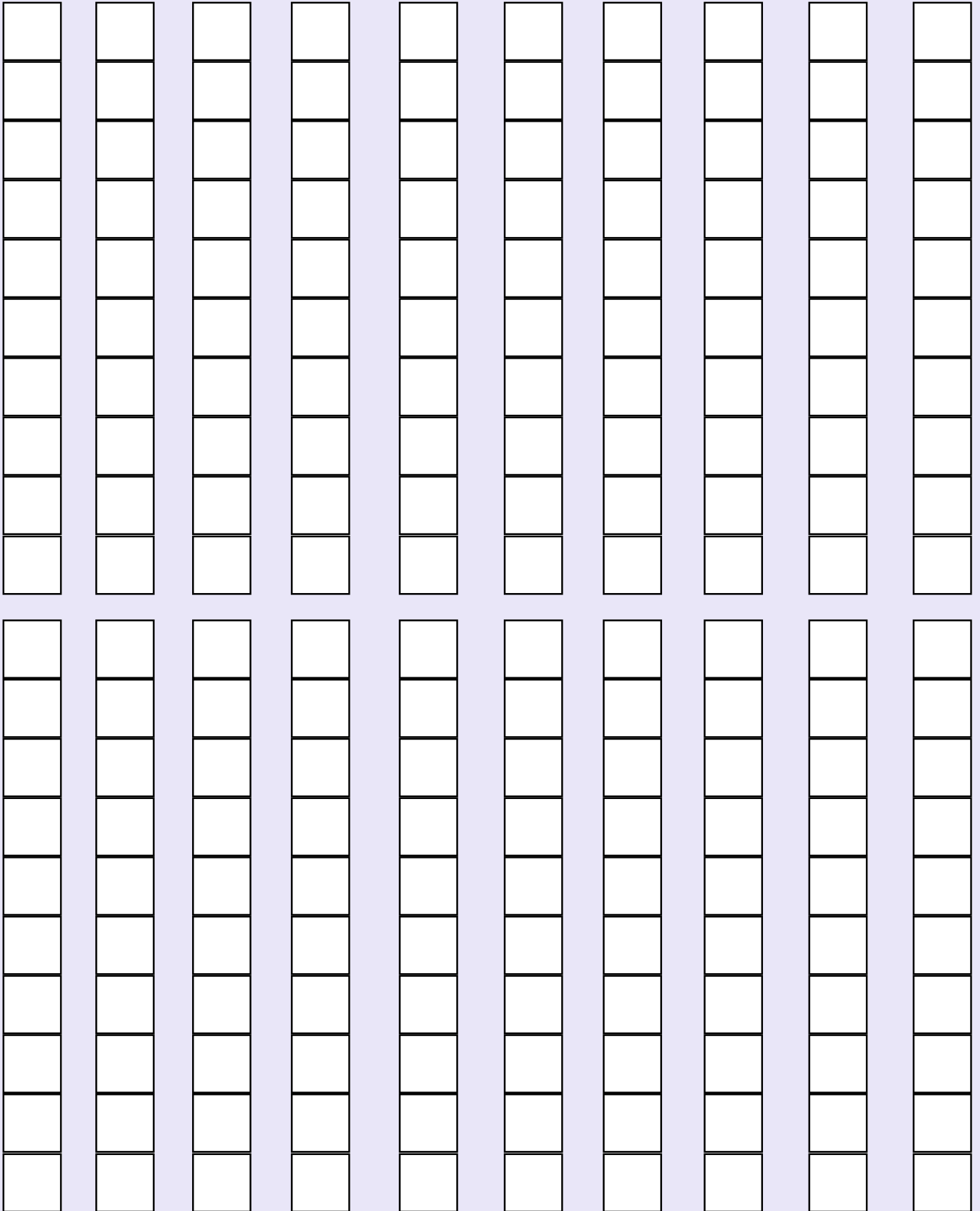
Favourite Sports	
Basketball	
Volleyball	
Soccer	
Cricket	
Football	



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Printable Ten Blocks



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3.3 DRA & Decoding Strategies

What is DRA?

The *Developmental Reading Assessment* is an individualized reading assessment tool that educators use to evaluate children's growth in reading performance over time.

*The reading level expectations outlined are based on TDSB recommendations. If you have levelled readers at that use a different system use this [correlation chart](#) to see what DRA level they are.

Decoding Strategies

Eagle Eye

Look at the picture.



Think, "What is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?"

Lips the Fish

Get your mouth ready!
Say the beginning sound.



Stretchy Snake

Slowly stretch each letter sound to make the word.



Tryin' Lion

Try to re-read the sentence. Think, "What makes sense?"



Chunky Monkey

Break the word into chunks you already know
ship = sh - i - p



Flippy Dolphin

Flip the vowel sound.
Try the long and the short sounds



Skippy Frog

Skip the tricky word.
Read to the end.



Go back and try it again!

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Story Map

First:

Then:

Next:

Finally:

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Dolch Sight Words

Grade 1 (Struggling)

after	again	an	any
as	ask	by	could
every	fly	from	give
going	had	has	her
him	his	how	just
know	let	live	may
of	old	once	open
over	put	round	some
stop	take	thank	them
then	think	walk	were
when			

Grade 3 (Excelling)

about	better	bring	carry
clean	cut	done	draw
drink	eight	fall	far
full	got	grow	hold
hot	hurt	if	keep
kind	laugh	light	long
much	myself	never	only
own	pick	seven	shall
show	six	small	start
ten	today	together	try
warm			

Grade 2

always	around	because	been	before	best	both	buy
call	cold	does	don't	fast	first	five	found
gave	goes	green	its	made	many	off	or
pull	read	right	sing	sit	sleep	tell	their
these	those	upon	us	use	very	wash	which
why	wish	work	would	write	your		

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3.6 Writing Prompts

- What is your favourite thing to do on a rainy day?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?
- What is your favourite book?
- If you could have a superpower what would it be?
- What is something you are really good at?
- If you made dinner for your family what would you make?
- What is something you like to do that makes you happy?
- If you had three wishes what would you wish for?
- How can you be kind to a friend?
- What is your favourite song to dance to?
- If you could invent anything, what would it be?
- What is something you are talented at doing?

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- Community Garden & Recycling program
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