

Academic Vocabulary

CONTENT BUILDER FOR THE PLC

MATH
GRADE 3

PLEASE NOTE: The words contained in **Academic Vocabulary** are words/concepts/terms essential for concept development; this list is not intended to be comprehensive. The “new to grade level” vocabulary suggestions are a starting point, and educators are encouraged to refer to their district curriculum resources for additional words/concepts/terms.

Representation and Comparison of Whole Numbers

3.2 Number and operations. The student applies mathematical process standards to represent and compare whole numbers and understand relationships related to place value.

important words for concept development			
subcluster	standards	new to grade level	previously introduced
Representation	3.2(A), 3.2(B)	expanded notation* hundred thousands ten thousands*	hundreds* ones place value standard form* tens* thousands*
Comparison	3.2(D)		equal (=)* greater than (>)* greatest to least* inequality least to greatest less than (<)*
Rounding	3.2(C)	halfway* round	nearest 10, 100

Fractions

- 3.3 **Number and operations.** The student applies mathematical process standards to represent and explain fractional units.
- 3.6 **Geometry and measurement.** The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze attributes of two-dimensional geometric figures to develop generalizations about their properties.
- 3.7 **Geometry and measurement.** The student applies mathematical process standards to select appropriate units, strategies, and tools to solve problems involving customary and metric measurement.

important words for concept development				
subcluster	standards	new to grade level		previously introduced
Representation	3.3(A), 3.3(B), 3.3(E), 3.7(A)	denominator numerator sixths thirds	eighths equal parts equal shares* fourths fraction*	fractional part halves part of a whole whole
Unit Fractions	3.3(C), 3.3(D), 3.6(E)	denominator numerator unit fraction	equal parts equal shares whole	
Equivalency	3.3(F), 3.3(G)	area model denominator* equivalent fraction* numerator simplified form	equal parts* equal shares part of a whole* whole	
Comparison	3.3(H)	denominator* numerator*	greater than (>)* less than (<)* part of the whole size of the whole	

Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers

- 3.4 **Number and operations.** The student applies mathematical process standards to develop and use strategies and methods for whole number computations in order to solve problems with efficiency and accuracy.
- 3.5 **Algebraic reasoning.** The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze and create patterns and relationships.

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Estimation	3.4(B)	compatible number nearest 10 or 100 round	estimate* estimation language (about, a little more/less than, close to*, approximately)
Addition/ Subtraction	3.4(A), 3.5(A)	associative property commutative property inverse property	comparing difference* distance fact family joining separating sum unknown number/quantity
Money	3.4(C)		bills*/dollar dime nickel penny quarter
Numerical Patterns	3.5(E)	additive pattern input-output table number pairs rule	

Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers

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- 3.5 **Algebraic reasoning.** The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze and create patterns and relationships.
- 3.6 **Geometry and measurement.** The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze attributes of two-dimensional geometric figures to develop generalizations about their properties.

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Multiplication	3.4(D), 3.4(E), 3.4(F), 3.4(G), 3.5(C), 3.5(D), 3.6(C)	area model array associative property column commutative property distributive property	factor multiplication partial product product row*	equal groups/shares square unit* unknown number/quantity
Division	3.4(H), 3.4(I), 3.4(J)	dividend divisible division divisor	factor product quotient	equal groups/shares even* odd*
Multiplication and Division	3.4(K), 3.5(B)	area model array* division multiplication		equal groups/shares
Numerical Patterns	3.5(E)	input-output table multiplicative pattern number pair rule		

Geometry

3.6 Geometry and measurement. The student applies mathematical process standards to analyze attributes of two-dimensional geometric figures to develop generalizations about their properties.

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subcluster	standards	new to grade level	previously introduced
		quadrilateral*	base*
			circle
			cone*
			congruent*
			cube (special type of rectangular prism)*
			cylinder*
			edge*
			face*
			hexagon*
			octagon
			parallelogram*
			pentagon*
			polygon*
			prism*
			rectangle*
			rectangular prism*
			rhombus*
			shape/figure*
			solid
			sphere*
			square (as a special rectangle)*
			three-dimensional
			trapezoid*
			triangle*
			triangular prism*
			two-dimensional
			vertex/vertices*
Two-Dimensional/ Three-Dimensional	3.6(A), 3.6(B), 3.6(E)		

Measurement

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- 3.7 **Geometry and measurement.** The student applies mathematical process standards to select appropriate units, strategies, and tools to solve problems involving customary and metric measurement.

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Perimeter	3.7(B)	dimensions*		length*	
		perimeter*		side*	
Area	3.6(C), 3.6(D)	area model	square feet*/yard*/ centimeter*	area*	square unit
		array	width*	length	square*
		dimensions*		rectangle*/rectangular	
Time	3.7(C)			half past	quarter after/quarter past
				hour	
				minute*	quarter to/quarter 'til
Liquid Capacity/ Weight	3.7(D), 3.7(E)	capacity: customary (gallon*, quart*, pint, cup, fluid ounce*)	weight*: customary (ton, pound*, ounce*)		
		liquid capacity	metric (kilogram, gram, milligram)		
		liquid volume			
		metric (liter, milliliter)			

Data Analysis

3.8 Data analysis. The student applies mathematical process standards to solve problems by collecting, organizing, displaying, and interpreting data.

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Representation	3.8(A)	data point dot plot* frequency table*	bar graph* category data/information graph title	label legend (key) pictograph* scaled intervals
Interpretation	3.8(B)	comparative language (more than*/less than/equal to) joining/separating/comparing		

Personal Financial Literacy

3.9 Personal financial literacy. The student applies mathematical process standards to manage one’s financial resources effectively for lifetime financial security.

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Earning, Spending, and Saving	3.9(C), 3.9(E), 3.9(F)	credit planned spending unplanned spending	charity cost income save spending
Borrowing	3.9(D)	borrower/borrowed* credit interest* lender	needs wants
Economics	3.9(A), 3.9(B)	availability of resources human capital labor* scarcity of resources	cost income*