What am I REALLY grading on the report card?

Third Grade CCLS

**Language**

*Conventions of Standard English*

* Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and

usage when writing or speaking.

a. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs

in general and their functions in particular sentences.

b. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.

c. Use abstract nouns (e.g., *childhood*)

d. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.

e. Form and use the simple (e.g., *I walked; I walk; I will walk*) verb tenses.

f. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.

g. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and

choose between them depending on what is to be modified.

h. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

i. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.

* Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

1. Capitalize appropriate words in titles.
2. Use commas in addresses.
3. Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.
4. Form and use possessives.
5. Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words

and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., *sitting, smiled, cries,*

*happiness).*

f. Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-

based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts)

in writing words.

g. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed

to check and correct spellings.

*Knowledge of Language*

* Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

1. Choose words and phrases for effect.
2. Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken

and written standard English.

*Vocabulary Acquisition and Use*

* Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word

and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a

range of strategies.

1. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
2. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known affix is added to a known word (e.g., *agreeable/disagreeable, care/careless, comfortable/uncomfortable, heat/preheat).*
3. Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word with the same root (e.g., *company, companion).*
4. Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

* Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word

meanings.

a. Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in

context (e.g., *take steps*).

b. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe

people who are *friendly or helpful*).

c. Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of

mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., *knew, believed, suspected, heard,*

*wondered).*

* Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain specific words and phrases, including those that

signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., *After dinner that night*

*we went looking for them*.)