

Library/Media 3rd Grade Units of Study

Essential Questions:

Inquire: How do I strategically explore the world for answers to questions?

Include: How does reading help us understand diverse perspectives?

Collaborate: How can I work with others to achieve common goals?

Curate: How do I understand, evaluate, and use diverse forms of media?

Explore: How do I connect information to create new learning?

Unit	Goals
Information Navigation	After completing this unit, students understand that the library provides access to both physical and digital materials. Students apply their understanding of the underlying organization of the physical space to locate a wide range of materials in all sections of the library. Students also use the library catalog to access digital materials and information contained in other library databases. They connect to a larger learning community that extends beyond library walls.
Digital Citizenship	In this unit, students review and practice using appropriate skills to responsibly use digital equipment and navigate internet apps and websites. The HCPS Acceptable Use Policy, media balance & well-being, privacy and security, digital footprint & identity, relationships & communication and cyberbullying, digital drama & hate speech will be emphasized.
Academic Research	This unit scaffolds upon the research skills introduced in previous grades. As they become more familiar with the research process and apply research strategies, students will be given greater freedom in locating and accessing materials. Much of the discussion and procedure is similar to the first grade and second grade units in order to give students another opportunity to explore the process and solidify understanding.
Make & Create	Make and Create lessons focus on problem-solving techniques applicable to solving real and meaningful problems. A portion of this unit will cover the integration of Code.org lessons. Wherever possible, lessons emphasize student autonomy and creative freedom. In the unit, students work collaboratively to solve problems. They focus on persevering through multiple attempts at a solution, as they investigate new ideas and work to refine their products.