Names of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Street Address

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Month Day, 20XX  
  
School Official Name

X City School District  
Street Address

City, State, Zip

Dear Ms./Mr. School Official,

Please find enclosed the Individualized Home Instruction Plan for our son/daughter, FName LName, who will be entering Third Grade for the 20XX-20XX school year.

Sincerely,

Mother/Guardian Father/Guardian

**Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP)**

This IHIP has been developed in accordance with the requirements in Section 100.10 of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education.

**CHILD’S NAME:** FName Last Name

**AGE:** Age

**GRADE LEVEL:** Third Grade

**SUBJECTS AND MATERIALS:** Instruction shall include all state mandated subjects for Third Grade. The mandated subjects and associated curriculum materials are outlined below.

**Arithmetic:** Primary Mathematics (U.S. Edition), colloquially known as Singapore Mathematics, covers addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money, and time. The student will complete all workbook exercises for grade 3. Khan Academy and Ray's Primary Arithmetic will be used for review and reinforcement. **Primary Resources: *Singapore Math* (*New Primary US Edition*), *Ray's Primary Arithmetic*, and *Khan Academy***.

**Reading:** This course integrates texts and audio recordings of *McGuffey's First Reader* to provide a time-tested reading curriculum. *McGuffey Readers* were used in American schools for over a century. **Primary Resource: *McGuffey's First Reader*** **by William Holmes McGuffey**.

**Spelling/Phonics:** The book at the heart of this course was devised to be used over three years of education in conjunction with a series of readers (e.g. *McGuffey’s*). Phonics, associating sounds with letters and blending those sounds into words, provide children with a foundation to decipher and spell novel words. This method incorporates four activities: 1) Ear Training, 2) Tongue Training, 3) Eye Training, and 4) Word Building / Spelling. Letter tiles (A-Z and a-z with multiples of the common letters) will be used for word building and spelling practice. **Primary Resource: *Word Mastery* by Florence Akin**.

**Writing:** This course includes a 191-page printable copywork book to reinforce *McGuffey's First Primer*. Convenient links to relevant copywork pages are provided within reading lesson guides. **Primary Resources (online): *McGuffey's First Reader Copywork* by Under the Home (https://underthehome.org).**

**English Language**:

**Course #1 - Prose**: Third grade prose whisks children away to the jungles of India, the lagoons of Neverland, the roads of Spain, a Hoosier schoolhouse from yesteryear, and the magical realms of fairy tales. Selections include *The Hoosier Schoolmaster* by Edward Eggleston, *Stories of Don Quixote Written Anew for Children*, *Kari the Elephant*, *Peter and Wendy*, and *The Blue Fairy Book*. The website integrates story text, pictures, and audio readings. This course provides lesson guides with descriptions, vocabulary, concepts, review questions, and enrichment activities for all stories. **Primary Resources (online): *Heroism, Magic, and Mysteries* by Under the Home (https://underthehome.org), *The Hoosier Schoolmaster* by Edward Eggleston, *Stories of Don Quixote Written Anew for Children* by James Baldwin, *Kari the Elephant* by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, *Peter and Wendy* by J.M. Barrie, and *The Blue Fairy Book* by Andrew Lang.**

**Course #2 - Poetry:** Visit mermaids by the sea with Emily Dickinson, pick apples on a crisp autumn day with Robert Frost, fight to follow your dreams with Paul Laurence Dunbar, puzzle over the mystery of the Queen of Hearts with Christina Rossetti, and venture into the wild American West with Walt Whitman. This course interweaves poetry, vocabulary, mapwork, discussion, copywork, narration, dictation, and artwork for 36 poems. Lessons also introduce literary devices including metaphors, similes, and personification. **Primary Resources (online): *Advancing in Poetry* by Under the Home (underthehome.org).**

**Course #3 - Shakespeare:** Third grade introduces the immortal bard using child-friendly retellings of twelve of Shakespeare's works including A Midsummer's Night Dream, The Tempest, The Winter's Tale, Much Ado About Nothing, The Merchant of Venice, and All's Well That Ends Well. Children create character maps, set the scene, construct simple costumes, order major plot events, and recite lines. This course begins preparation for the study of Shakespeare's plays in their original form. The website integrates story text, pictures, and audio readings. This course provides lesson guides with descriptions, vocabulary, concepts, review questions, and enrichment activities for all 36 lessons. **Primary Resources (online): *Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare I* by Under the Home (underthehome.org).**

**Geography:** Geography may be divided into the geography of the home and the geography of the world at large. A knowledge of the home must be obtained by direct observation; of the rest of the world, through the imagination assisted by information. Ideas acquired by direct observation form a basis for imagining those things which are distant and unknown. Students delve into topics such as the water cycle, landforms, and the earth's place in the solar system. Notebook work accompanies all 52 lessons. **Primary Resources: *Our Place in the World* by C. C. Long and Charlotte Mason.**

**United States History:** Third grade American history provides a study of major figures in American History from Christopher Columbus through the Civil War. This course provides lesson guides with descriptions, vocabulary, concepts, review questions, and enrichment activities for all 32 lessons. **Primary Resources:** ***A First Book in American History* by Edward Eggleston.**

**World History:** In third grade world history, students study global history from the start of humankind through the Crusades. This course provides lesson guides with descriptions, vocabulary, concepts, review questions, and enrichment activities for all 36 lessons. **Primary Resources:** ***The Story of Mankind Part I* by Hendrik Van Loon.**

**Science:** Plant Nature Study I integrates classic fiction and non-fiction works by Anna Botsford Comstock and Thornton W. Burgess. Children study the appearance, needs, and habitats of plants, including how plants grow, where plants grow, and types of plants with a special emphasis on flowers. Children venture outdoors on nature walks and create a field journal. **Primary Resources (online): *Third Grade Science - Plant Nature Study I* by Under the Home (underthehome.org), *The Burgess Flower Book For Children* by Thornton W. Burgess, and *The Handbook of Nature Study* by Anna Botsford Comstock.**

**Music:** Third grade music features eight woodwind and brass instruments. Selected musical compositions, sound clips, and artwork highlight the featured instruments. Instruments include the flute, the clarinet, the oboe, the bassoon, the trumpet, the trombone, the French horn, and the tuba. Lesson guides with directions, synopses, enrichment activities, and review questions accompany all 36 musical selections. All of the music is included on the website. Lesson guides with directions, synopses, enrichment activities, and review questions accompany all 36 musical selections. **Primary Resources (online): *Whimsical Woodwinds and Boisterous Brass* by Under the Home (underthehome.org).**

**Visual Arts:**

**Course #1: Art History** - Children study and recreate a variety of painting genres including landscape, cityscape, seascape, still life, history, portrait, space art, genre, and wildlife. Children study one genre for four weeks with one new work introduced weekly. This course provides lesson guides with descriptions, vocabulary, concepts, review questions, and enrichment activities for all 36 works. Primary Resources (online): ***Genres of Paintings* by Under the Home (underthehome.org)**

**Course #2 Studio Art:** - This third grade drawing course expands upon the prior year's drawing lessons. Students continue to master capturing the relative positions of objects, sketching objects in perspective, portraying actions such as running and walking, drawing in a two-handed rhythm, and producing even color washes. Materials required to complete the lessons include pencils, crayons, drawing paper or a notebook, and a ruler. **Primary Resources (online): *Second Year Drawing* by Under the Home (underthehome.org).**

**Physical Education**: Physical education activities will include twice-weekly karate lessons, swimming lessons, hiking, and indoor and outdoor games and sports. **Primary Resources**: ***Karate* inCity, State and *YMCA* in City, State.**

**Patriotism and Citizenship**: This course reinforces patriotism, singing patriotic songs, building character, demonstrating compassion and respect, volunteering, and learning values and ethics. **Primary Resources (online): US Department of Education – Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen, NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences – Patriotic Songs, ABC Teach – US Patriotism Theme Unit.**

**Health Education**: This course features healthy habits, taking care of your body (effects of drug, alcohol and tobacco misuse), family dynamics, first aid, food and nutrition. **Primary Resources (both printed books and online): Joe Kaufman – How We Are Born, How We Grow, How Our Bodies Work, and How We Learn, Samantha Kurtzman-Counter and Abbie Schiller – Miles is the Boss of His Body, Nemours – Kid’s Health.**

**Highway Safety and Traffic Regulations**: This course covers highway safety, traffic regulations, traffic signs, bicycle safety, seat belts, railroad crossings, safe walking, public transportation safety. **Primary Resources (online): NHTSA – Bicycle Safety Activity Kit, NY State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – Traffic Safety Kids, ABC Teach – Safety Theme Unit.**

**Fire Safety and Arson Prevention:** This course encompasses preventing fires, smoke alarms, exit drills, stoves and grills, electrical outlets, stop, drop, and roll, calling 911. **Primary Resources (online): NY State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Fire Prevention and Control – Hershey’s Fire Safety Activity Book, ABC Teach – Fire Safety Theme Unit, Play Safe and Be Safe – Fire Safety Education for Children.**

**QUARTERLY REPORT SUBMISSION DATES:**

Q1 – 11/15/XX

Q2 – 01/15/XX

Q3 – 03/15/XX

Q4 – 06/15/XX

**INSTRUCTORS:** Primary instruction to Child will be provided in the home by Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). Supplemental instruction will be provided by others, as necessary.