

Third Grade ELA (Houghton Mifflin) Pacing Guide for 2007 – 2008

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Week 1	6 Back to School Section & Diagnostics as needed Launch Theme 1	4 (4 days) Readers-Writers Workshop Personal Narrative p. 52 and/or Wrap up Theme 1  <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 1 Skills Test  Conference Week	1 Dancing Rainbows	5 Launch Theme 3  Dogzilla	3 The Garden of Abdul Gasazi	9 (3 days) Launch Theme 4  Nights of the Pufflings	4 Readers-Writers Workshop Report p. 40 (continued)  Trickster Tales Theme 2 Page 234-255  Conference Week	3 Readers-Writers Workshop Description p. 138 and/or Wrap up Theme 5 <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 5 Skills Test	March 31 Launch Theme 6  Pepita Talks Twice	April 28 Review for State Testing  Biographies Theme 5 Page 208-235	(4 days) May 27  Review & Enrichment
Week 2	13 Lost & Found  (Continued Diagnostics as needed)	10 Launch Theme 2  The Keeping Quilt  Conference Week	Fall Break: October 8 – October 19 (2 weeks)	(4 days) 13 The Mysterious Giant of Barletta	10 <b>Review &amp; Benchmark #2: Midyear (Themes 1-3)</b>	14 Seal Surfer	12 (4 days) Launch Theme 5  Across the Wide Dark Sea	10 <b>Review &amp; Benchmark #3: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr (Themes 1-5)</b>	7 Poppa's New Pants	5 CST State Testing	2 (Fri.=Short Day)  Review & Enrichment
Week 3	20 The Ballad of Mulan	17 Anthony Reynoso Born to Rope	22 Readers-Writers Workshop Instructions p.158 and/or Wrap up Theme 2 <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 2 Skills Test	(3 days) 19 (Wed.=Short Day)  The Mysterious Giant of Barletta cont.	(Fri.=Short Day) 17 Readers-Writers Workshop Story p. 288 and/or Wrap up Theme 3  <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 3 Skills Test	(4 days) 22 Two Days in May	(4 days) 19 Yunmi and Halmoni's Trip	Spring Break: March 17 – March 28  ↓	14 Ramona Quimby	12 CST State Testing	Summer Vacation  ↓
Week 4	27 The Waterfall	24 The Talking Cloth	29 <b>Review &amp; Benchmark #1: 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr (Themes 1-2)</b>	26 Raising Dragons	Winter Break: December 24 – January 4 (Classes begin 1/9) (2 weeks)	28 Readers-Writers Workshop Report p. 40 and/or Wrap up Theme 4  <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 4 Skills Test  Conference Week	25 Trapped by the Ice!	↓	21 <b>Review &amp; Benchmark #4: End of Year (Themes 1-6)</b>	19 Readers-Writers Workshop Persuasive Essay p. 278 and/or Wrap up Theme 6 <b>*Optional*</b> Theme 6 Skills Test	↓

**\*Optional\*** - The Theme Skills tests are strictly optional. Schools/teachers who wish to use them will have to make their own copies.  
**Recommended:** Use the Released Test Questions from the Curriculum Binder to review as appropriate.