



Things Children Should Know For Third Grade Readiness

- ✓ Students should be able to read the following story fluently and answer the comprehension questions:
- ✓ **STORY:** The barn was very large. It was very old. It smelled of hay, and it smelled of manure. It smelled of the perspiration of tired horses and the wonderful, sweet breath of patient cows. It often had a sort of peaceful smell—as though nothing bad could happen ever again in the world. It smelled of grain and of harness dressing and of axle grease and of rubber boots and of new rope. And whenever the cat was given a fish-head to eat, the barn would smell of fish. But mostly it smelled of hay, for there was always hay in the great loft up overhead. And there was always hay being pitched down to the cows and the horses and the sheep.
- ✓ **QUESTIONS:** What were the smells in the barn? Why do cows seem patient? The barn had a peaceful smell. What does that mean? What would you find in a barn that has an axle?
- ✓ Students should be able to write the number for 3 hundreds and 8 tens.
- ✓ Students should know the signs for less than, greater than, and equal to.
- ✓ Students should be able to round to the nearest 10 and identify digits in the ones, tens, and thousands place.
- ✓ Students should be able to solve the following word problem: John went to the store and bought four pounds of ham, three pounds of bacon, and six apples. How many pounds of meat did he buy altogether?
- ✓ Students should know how to solve the following arithmetic problems:

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ + 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ - 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ + 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ - 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 356 \\ + 170 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 670 \\ - 489 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 243 \\ + 34 \\ \hline \end{array}$$