



## Grade 3 Level A - *Emerging*

*Third grade students performing at the **Emerging** level demonstrate limited understanding of the knowledge and skills assessed on the Level A PASA. Based on one sentence of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they may be able to:*

- ✓ identify the meaning of words and phrases, and
- ✓ answer literal questions.

## Grade 3 Level A - *Novice*

*Third grade students performing at the **Novice** level are generally able to do the following based on one sentence of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices:*

- ✓ identify one main event,
- ✓ identify the meaning of words using prefixes, suffixes, and roots, and
- ✓ answer basic literal questions.

## Grade 3 Level A - *Proficient*

*Third grade students performing at the **Proficient** level are able to perform almost all of the knowledge and skills that define Novice performance. In addition, based on one sentence of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they are generally able to:*

- ✓ identify one key fact,
- ✓ identify the main topic,
- ✓ identify one action of a stated character,
- ✓ identify the meaning of words—including those with multiple meanings—using context,
- ✓ and answer literal questions, including those with pictures and captions.

## Grade 3 Level A - *Advanced*

*Third grade students performing at the **Advanced** level are able to perform almost all of the knowledge and skills that define Proficient and Novice performance. In addition, based on one sentence of informational and/or narrative text (written below grade level readability) read aloud to them with pictures as choices, they are generally able to:*

- ✓ identify one or more key ideas, and
- ✓ identify the literal and non-literal meaning of words—including those with multiple meanings—and phrases using context.