



## Sample **Third Grade Reading** that Meets Standards

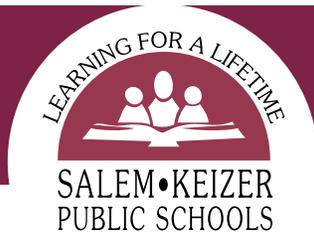
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### Dogs on the Job

Dogs are often called "man's best friend." They make wonderful pets and companions. However, if you think that's all dogs do, think again! Dogs are also amazing helpers.

Dogs have worked with humans for a vast span of time. They roamed with hunters in ancient times. Tracking down prey. They guarded homes and castles, fought side-by-side with soldiers, and even rescued drowning swimmers. Today, dogs still perform some of these jobs and more.



## Sample **Third Grade Writing** that Meets Standards

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### The Barn Cat

“We should get a barn cat” Mrs.Thurlow told Mr.Thurlow. Bandit, Sonya and Sam’s ears popped up. Bandit, Sonya and Sam were their barn dogs. “Yes! A cat to chase!” Bandit yelled. Then Mr.Thurlow said, “Sure, but what are we going to name her?” Sam thought for a moment. Then Sam walked up to Mr.Thurlow and started to bark. This is what Bandit and Sonya heard Sam say, “Whatever you do don’t name her Samantha, don’t name her Samantha, DON’T name her Samantha!” Mrs.Thurlow said “How about Baby?” Mr. and Mrs.Thurlow thought for awhile. After much thought, Mr.Thurlow Announced “A splendid idea! Let’s get her tomorrow!” Then the two farmer’s fed the dogs, ate dinner, did the chores, then went to bed. The next morning at 6:00 they did the morning chores. They were ready to pick up Baby at 8:15 a.m. When they got to The Pet Shop in Woodstock they were in and out. Mr. and Mrs.Thurlow gave Baby a collar when they got home. Also Bandit, Sonya and Sam gave Baby a tour of everything they own. When they got to the barn Bandit started to chase Baby and he said “I can’t resist!” Sam and Sonya tried to stop Bandit, but Bandit was too fast! Baby ran to the barn across the street. “We’re not supposed to be here!” Sam and Sonya yelled to Baby, so she ran back home and the dogs followed. Baby jumped up in a foot rest. Then calm down. Bandit agreed to never chase Baby again.