

Welcome to 3rd grade Explorations! We have started the year with government. We will be spending the next 4 weeks learning about being a good citizen, the three branches of government, a little about what our government does for us, and how we can have a say in our government, even in 3rd grade. Here are the vocabulary we will be reviewing as well. They are posted on my website. Take some time to talk about them, throughout the next month.

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Right- a freedom Responsibility- a duty

Executive branch- the part of government that enforces the laws

Legislative Branch- the part of government that makes the laws

Judicial branch- the part of government that decides what laws mean and whether laws obey the constitution.

Common good- whatever helps the most people in a community

Citizen- an official member of a community, state or country

Civic discourse- discussion or debate about government issues

Majority rule- in an election, the larger number of voters make the decision

Minority rights- laws that protect minority groups and guarantee equal rights for all.

Democracy- a government in which the people govern themselves

Election- the process by which citizens vote for people to represent them

Tax- a fee citizens and others pay to the government

Vote- to make an official choice

Perspective- a point of view