

THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

RELIGION:

Students grow through the Word and Spirit of God. Through Bible stories, the children see the challenges that individuals faced in Biblical times. The child's faith is nurtured as they learn about grace and God's forgiveness. Students are taught the forgiving love of Christ and respond in faith as they grow in God's grace. Old Testament stories come alive as the students see how events from long ago can be applied to their lives. The life and teaching of Christ are taught in detail, and the students are encouraged to participate actively in God's mission of saving the world. The students also memorize scripture and participate in worship services.

ENGLISH:

The English curriculum is designed to help the students to develop an understanding of the grammatical structure of language, including the proper use of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Students develop writing skills utilizing proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

MATH:

The math curriculum is designed to help the students develop an understanding of how to interpret data, compare fractions, and measure perimeter and area. Students also identify and describe two dimensional shapes. There is a strong emphasis on students to demonstrate the knowledge of basic facts. Everyday calendar activities and computers are used to reinforce concepts taught.

READING & SPELLING/VOCABULARY:

The reading curriculum offers the students opportunity to experience confidence and success in reading independently. The students learn strategies and apply critical thinking skills to comprehend and analyze the stories and passages they read. Students write essays including a main idea, details, and conclusion. Vocabulary is emphasized and broadened. Students learn vocabulary which is introduced and utilized in their stories. A supplementary vocabulary book introduces 160 additional words. Computer activities are explored to reinforce and enhance vocabulary words. Students become aware of phonetic and consonant/vowel patterns in words. Spelling words are reinforced and utilized in the reading curriculum.

SCIENCE:

The curriculum has students explore how living things change and grow in their ecosystems. The students will develop an understanding of the Earth's resources and changes in weather. The students will identify planets, moons, and stars. The students will also observe matter and how it changes. Forces, motion, and forms of energy are also taught. STEM activities integrate science, technology, engineering, and math with real-world problem solving.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

The concept of community is the focus of the third grade social studies curriculum. Students read and explore culture, economics, citizenship, geography, government, history, and technology to better understand the world. Students also study and discover various map skills. *Scholastic News* is a supplement used to read and discuss current events at the appropriate age level.

MUSIC

Students will solidify their learning of musical notation and expression by playing recorders, singing, moving, playing games, and listening. Each student is provided with a recorder and lesson book to practice at home. This learning is intended to prepare students for the opportunity to play band instruments in fourth grade. All students are given opportunities to praise God as they learn to express their musical gifts to His glory through worship, special presentations, and classroom activities.