

Third Grade

In the Third Grade, academic emphasis is on reading and writing. Teachers keep in close contact with parents regarding student progress, either via Fast Direct, notes home, or behavior/homework logs. Lower-grade teachers send home a weekly newsletter to let parents know what topics will be taught in class, as well as any test dates, special events, important assignments due, etc.

Curriculum

Religion

Learning about Jesus is the most important work in our classroom. Through our Concordia Publishing House curriculum, students study units such as God's Early Family, Israel in the Wilderness, The Rise of a Nation, David, a Nation Divided, Into Exile and Home Again, The Child Jesus, Teachings of Jesus, The Last Week, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, and The Christian Church Begins to Grow.

Language Arts

Our Language Arts curriculum from McGraw Hill-cover nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives and adverbs, explanatory & expository writing, grammar, persuasive writing, story writing, proofreading and revising.

Reading

Third Grade reading class covers sequence, drawing conclusions, author's purpose, cause and effect, character, main ideas and details context clues, fact and opinion, processes, summarizing, text structure, and generalizing through poetry, stories, and realism and fantasy.

Spelling

Our curriculum from Zaner-Bloser helps students work on words with different vowel sounds and patterns, diagraphs and clusters, consonant sounds, homophones, contractions,

plurals, suffix, and compound words.

Math

Math 3 helps children master all basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts, including: reading to 999; adding, dividing, and multiplying by nine; map scales; complex fractions; exponents; weights; measures; and more.

Science

Curriculum from SRA/McGraw Hill teaches science units such as Organisms, Ecosystems, Environment, Earth & Space, Matter, Light, Machines, Electricity, Muscles, Personal Health & Nutrition.

History & Geography

We use the Core Knowledge curriculum to teach units such as Canada, World Rivers, Ancient Rome, Vikings, Early Americans, North America, and 13 colonies.

Fine Arts

Visual arts lessons come from the Core Knowledge curriculum, linking lessons to topics in other disciplines whenever appropriate. Third-graders study units such as Elements of Art (light, space in artworks, and design), American Indian Art, and Art of Ancient Rome and Byzantine Civilization.

Music: Third graders are part of the 3-5 grade choir, which sings at First Lutheran Church services, the Christmas

program, and the school musical.

Physical Education

Physical education in the Third Grade focuses on developing locomotor skills and beginning group and team games so students learn to work and play together.

Computers

Third graders learn to perform basic keyword searches and beginning research skills, as well as basic navigation through web sites/links, and beginning typing and word processing skills.

Spanish

In Third Grade Spanish, students understand basic vocabulary and structures essential for everyday communication, respond to simple questions and commands, and learn about customs in Spanish-speaking countries.

April 2007 Stanford Achievement Test Results

<u>Area</u>	<u>Percentile</u>	<u>Nat'l</u>
Reading	54.5	52.3
Mathematics	32.4	40.2
Language	48.5	49.2
Spelling	47.5	48.2
Science	71.6	61.8
Social Science	63.6	57.2
Listening	64.6	57.8
Thinking	50.5	49.8
Basic Battery	48.5	48.8
Complete Battery	52.5	50.9

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