

Third Grade Learning Objectives

Third grade is a richly rewarding school year when greater independence builds confidence before heading to the upper elementary grades. In third grade students take what they know and build their understanding; increase their knowledge of core subjects reading, writing, science, social studies and mathematics expanding individual skill ability. Lessons from textbooks, technology, experiments and projects increase comprehension. Reading materials include textbook and mixed genre selections. Reading is done in class and outside the classroom. Cursive handwriting, creative writing, poetry, presentations and reports build paragraphing and speech understanding. Math enables students to discover a variety of ways to solve problems while strengthening equation abilities. Science and social studies include hands activities. Students keep a daily log, learn through station rotation, collaboration, and are held responsible for nightly homework. The third grade curriculum includes religion, music, Spanish, art, physical education, and time in the computer lab. The students wear uniforms and attend from 8:15 to 3:00 each day.

Faith and Memory

- God's and His Word
- The Holy Spirit
- God the Father
- Salvation
- Prayer
- God's Love
- Grace
- God's Works
- The Season of Lent
- The Child Jesus
- The Teachings of Jesus
- Holy Week
- Resurrection & Ascension
- Ten Commandments
- The Lord's Prayer

- Books of the Bible

Reading

- Vocabulary
- Reading Anthology
- Reports
- Novels: Because of Winn-Dixie, Trumpet of the Swan

Language Arts

- Spelling
- Journaling
- Organization
- Grammar
- Synonyms, Antonyms & Homonyms
- Proofreading
- Possessives
- Verbs
- Conjunctions and Interjections
- Personal Narrative
- Expository Paragraph
- Capitalization and Punctuation
- Letters
- Expository Paragraph
- Sentences Fragments, Simple Sentences and Compound Sentences

Math

- Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value

- Problem Solving
- Number Sense
- Multiplication Concepts
- Division Facts
- Money
- Time
- Data & Graphs
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Probability

Science

- Life Sciences- Life Cycles, Habitats and Changing Environments
- Physical Sciences- Measurement, Motion, Energy and Sound
- Earth Sciences- The Earth, Outer Space and Weather
- The Human Body- Bones, Muscles, and Health

Social Studies

- Map Skills
- Geography
- Native Americans
- Famous Americans
- Colonial Era
- Capitals and Countries
- Work and Money

Spanish

- Alphabet
- Calendar

- Numbers 0-100
- Basic Expressions
- Tu and Usted (You)
- Colors
- Classroom Objects
- Clothing
- Food
- Community
- Gender of nouns
- The Body
- Face and Emotions
- Animals
- The House
- Singular and Plural Usage
- Family
- Definite and Indefinite Articles

Art

- Contour Lines and Line Variety
- The Color Wheel and Value
- Landscapes
- Space, Shading and Balance
- Contour Drawing
- Self-Portraits

Technology

- Keyboard
- Tools and Components
- Games
- Research

Music

All Music classes will cover the following: music theory, performance, composition, improvisation, listening and music history. Third grade music will highlight:

- Composers: Bach, Gershwin and Rossini
- Instruments: Percussion
- Multicultural: South America
- Musical Stories: William Tell Overture
- Students will learn to play the Recorder

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Field Trips, Special Events & Projects

- All About Me Class Book
- Harvest
- Native American

- Grandparents' Day
- Manners
- Birthday Celebration for Jesus
- Valentine Box Contest
- Field Day
- Outdoor Education