

Welcome to the third grade. This is an overview of what we cover in the third grade.

**Religion;** Textbook: Word of Life In the third grade students start out each class with prayer. We then start each lesson with the Good News of Jesus Christ and have students open their hearts and minds to the truths of the faith. Our lessons teach about God calling us to Communion. God created the world to share His love with us. We discuss how the communion of God was broken through Original Sin of Adam and Eve. We discuss The Paschal Mystery as proof of God's love so that we can enter into communion with God. We discuss the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit infuses us with sanctifying grace and virtue. We learn about the seven sacraments of the church that draw us to God. We learn about the Mass and all of its parts. Students are selected to take part in the Mass as readers or gift bearers. Students attend confessions once a month and celebrate First Friday Masses. We learn about the Liturgical Year and understand the importance of loving and serving God every day. Showing respect to others in the third grade is very important as we learn that as followers of Jesus, we are called to love others, and that every individual is created with dignity.

**Math:** Textbook: Progress in Mathematics Much of third grade math builds on the skills introduced in second grade. Topics include Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Statistics and Probability, Measurement, Time, Geometry. These skills are introduced in third; Multiplication Concepts and Facts, Multiply by One, Division Concepts, Divide by One, Fractions, and Decimals.

**Reading:** Textbook Journeys In third grade students read from many genre of literature. They read chapter books and write summaries for those books. Students write several narratives in response to literature read. Weekly assessment to comprehension, phonics, and spelling in reading are given.

**Grammar:** textbook Grammar Workshop The purpose of grammar is to prepare students with grammar practice that will improve their ability to communicate clearly and correctly in their writing and help prepare them for NWEA testing. The book we use presents lessons by having students; learn the concept, practice, and apply through writing activities. The topics include Sentences, Verbs, Nouns, Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions, Pronouns, Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling.

**Spelling:** textbook Spelling and Vocabulary 36 units of practice with long and short vowels, consonant patterns, spelling-meaning strategies, three letter clusters, homophones, compound words, suffixes, prefixes etc... Students take 16 word spelling quizzes each Friday and in class spelling assignments are given on a regular basis.

**Science;** Nancy Larson Series. 30-35 minute science classes 3 times per week. Students read, observe, and complete activities. Topics include; Chemistry, Astronomy, Geology, Zoology, Botany, and Meteorology.

**Social Studies;** textbook The United States Communities and Neighbors We meet for social studies 2-3 times per week. We read and discuss material that covers our country and the countries around us. The topics we discuss in third grade are; The Geography of North America and the Caribbean, Celebrating Culture, Economics, Government and Civics, and we work on map skills.

**Handwriting:** textbook Writing Our Catholic Faith; Students start the year reviewing their manuscript writing and we start with cursive. By January all third graders are writing their assignments in cursive.

Thank you for showing interest in our third grade.

