

Who We Are

About Us

Joyful and authentically Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a foundation in what is good, true and beautiful

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THIRD GRADE

Curriculum Summary



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YEARLY CURRICULUM



Summary of the Year

Love one another...as Jesus loves us! It's a life goal...and we work on it actively...each day! In third grade, we instill in our students a love of reading. A crucial goal is that students leave third grade able to read fluently, effortlessly, independently, and enthusiastically. It is also our goal to teach our students organization and study skills upon which they can build. The challenge daily is to be our best!

We learn for life... not just for school!

Specials

Art, Music, Latin, Spanish, Computers, Gym, Library, Natural Sciences, Tin Whistle

Extracurricular & Clubs:

Band, Choir, Lego League, Ski Program, Squires

Language Arts

Reading

Students read and write book reports on books such as *Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin; *Bridge to Teribithia* by Katherine Paterson; *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies; *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, and *Matilda* by Roald Dahl.

Penmanship

The students learn each letter in cursive in the beginning of the year. Starting in December, all written work will be cursive handwriting.

Writing

Writing conventions are adhered to while students write many organized, multi-page compositions in sequential order with a central idea. Students write a personal narrative, how-to articles, a tall tale with illustration, non-fiction report, formal letters, fables, descriptions, poetry, and a short story.

Grammar

Students master all aspects of the English language including correct usage of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions. Students correctly use punctuation and writing conventions.

Social Studies

The students learn about the organization and development of communities. This includes the reasons for living in communities, how people depend on one another, different customs and cultures, and histories of communities. Organization and purpose of government is introduced. The

Mathematics

Third grade mathematics provides a wide variety of activities and practice opportunities for students to develop an understanding of the meaning of multiplication and division of whole numbers. Students are introduced to multiplication by use of arrays and repeated addition. By comparing a variety of solution strategies, students learn the relationship between multiplication and division. Mastery of single-digit multiplication and division facts is the goal of third grade.

Religion

The religion program in the third grade continues our commitment to the faithful sharing of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church placing special emphasis on the importance of Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church. Our class goes through a simple introduction to Bible stories and teachings of the Faith. The students' faith is inspired by the beautiful religious artwork found in the texts.

Science

Science concepts are learned through solid content knowledge and hands-on activities. Third grade provides students with many opportunities to use science process skills. Third graders study life cycles. The stages in the life cycles of animals and plants are explored. They are introduced to the concept of inherited or learned traits and the ways that animals and plants survive. The students also learn the roles of living things relating to their environments.