

Religion

Third graders will learn through stories, prayer, Scripture, activities, discussion, reflection, and weekly mass about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated in all subject areas throughout the day. The focus is on the Holy Trinity, planning and assisting in liturgy and other forms of worship, sacraments, service, liturgical seasons, and the church as a community.

Language Arts

The Language Arts program is all encompassing and includes reading, phonics, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well, and listen and speak effectively.

Reading/Literature

Students experience different genre of literature (poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, biographies, fantasies, and plays). Reading fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills throughout the year:

- Using phonetic and structural analysis
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary
- Understanding elements of literature (plot, character, setting, theme)
- Drawing conclusions
- Making predictions
- Sequencing events of a story
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Using graphic organizers
- Self-appraising and self-correcting while reading
- Literature discussion/sharing
- Using a dictionary

Writing

Third grade students use writing to convey thoughts and meaning. Our students will write legibly, write multiple sequential sentences on a given topic, apply spelling and phonetic patterns in their writing, and apply grammar and mechanics. At the third grade level our students understand and can name basic parts of speech, use simple tenses, practice different writing formats, and apply correct punctuation. Third grade students also use the writing process including pre-writing, writing, revising, editing and final draft. Furthermore, third grade students write in a variety of forms including guided writing, friendly letters, descriptive paragraphs, narrative stories, book reviews, and journal entries.

Listening/Speaking

Third Grade students will listen for understanding, follow directions and respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. Students will participate in class discussions. Students will also present material orally and make presentations to individuals and small groups. Third grade students will demonstrate listening skills by asking questions, paraphrasing and restating.

Mathematics

Third Grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills and to solve math problems. Our third grade students will:

- Identify place value up to 6 digit numbers
- Use a number line
- Add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Solve multiple step word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Know multiplication and division facts
- Recognize fractional units
- Measure/compare units of length, capacity and weight
- Graph and explain data
- Identify, classify, compare and describe characteristics of solids and shapes
- Work with congruency and symmetry

Science

Third Grade students will use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning, and explaining. Our third grade students will study:

- Collect and chart data
- Describe simple life cycles of plants and animals
- Recognize relationship of living things and their environment
- Identify physical properties of matter
- Describe features and processes of the Earth and its resources
- Identify force and motion
- Identify the importance of science
- Solar system and planets

Social Studies

Third Grade students will develop an awareness of themselves people around them. The focus will be on pioneers and western movement, geography/map skills, meeting needs through goods and services, natural resources and famous Americans.

Physical Education

In third grade, our students learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle. Students will maintain personal fitness, acquire an awareness of personal health needs, follow more complex sequences and movement in games and dance, and participate in cooperative group games.

Art

In third grade, the students will have the opportunity to express themselves in various art forms. They will also communicate through art using a variety of media and tools, appreciate various works of art, and learn how art reflects and shapes society and life.

Technology

Our third grade students will visit the technology lab and use software for reinforcement of classroom lessons. They will understand basic word processing terms, use word processing, understand basic database terms, produce simple products, print documents, and create a multimedia presentation.

Library

Third Grade students will use the school library and locate books of interest to be checked out each week. They will also recognize different sections of the library and know how to use a library.