

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 3

Lower School



Reading

Curriculum: Literature and skills-based

Novels: *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs Basil E Frankweiler*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and *The Sign of the Beaver*

Comprehension Strategies:

Main idea, making connections, visualization

Math

Curriculum: Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 3
Advanced Levels: Math 5/4 or Math 6/5

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level for his/her current ability.

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based Science Program

Content: Animal classifications; vertebrate and invertebrate classification; life science; plants

Science Fair: Each student picks an animal, writes a research report, and creates a visual display.

History

Curriculum: Story of The World, The Middle Ages

Content: Fall of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance

Writing

Curriculum: Writers Workshop

Content: Research, personal narrative, informational writing, opinion writing, creative writing, editing and publishing

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

Content: Types of sentences and classification of words in sentences, e.g. noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, object of preposition, article adjective, and conjunction.

Bible

Curriculum: NIV Bible

Content: Gospels and the Early Church including: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts; Memorize books of the Bible

Specialists

Latin
Computer keyboarding
Art
Physical Education
Music including Recorder
Science Lab
Library: Information Literacy

Field Trips

Issaquah Salmon Hatchery
Reptile Zoo
Seattle Aquarium
Washington Arboretum
Theater (varies)
Insects Safari Man

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Art Docent
Big/Little Buddies
Science Fair
Medieval Day
Christmas at Bear Creek
Easter Chapel
Mothers Tea
Authors & Artists