

What to Expect in Third Grade

GRACE ACADEMY

BIBLE (*God's Great Covenant, Old Testament 1: Genesis to Ruth*)

- From Genesis to Ruth, this Bible course presents and teaches the biblical narrative of God's providence over His people. Themes of God's power, promises, redemption, provision, and faithfulness will be presented in simple weekly stories.
- Memorization: Catechism Questions, Psalm 103, Psalm 23

MATH (*Saxon Math 5/4*)

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- Fractions
- Geometry
- Mental Math

HISTORY (*The Story of the World: Ancient Times*)

- Greeks
- Romans
- Geography of Ancient Mediterranean and World Continents

LITERATURE

- *Gods of Olympus*
- *The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War*
- *Aesop's Fables*
- *Homer Price*
- *Winnie the Pooh*
- *Owls in the Family*
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
- *Trumpet of the Swan*
- *Detectives in Togas*
- *Pompeii...Buried Alive!*
- Read Aloud: Selections from *D'Aulaires' Greek Myths*

GRAMMAR (Shurley Method)

- Memorizing Grammar rules/ jingles and eight parts of speech
- Classifying sentences (patterns 1-3) and writing in complete sentences

SPELLING (*Spelling Workout: Book C*)

- Weekly spelling lists and tests

COMPOSITION

- Expository and descriptive paragraphs
- Letter writing
- Outlines and Summaries
- Exercises in *Writing and Rhetoric: Fables Book 1*

HANDWRITING

- Review of capital and lowercase alphabet in cursive
- Cursive writing practice in all disciplines

LATIN GRAMMAR A (*Latin for Children, Primer A* & “*Libellus de Historia*” by Karen Moore)

- Memorization of vocabulary and grammatical paradigms
- Verbs: present system of 1st & 2nd conjugation and irregular *esse, ire*
- Nouns: 1st & 2nd declension, five main cases; uses of nominative and accusative
- Adjectives: 1st & 2nd declension; agreement with nouns
- Introduction to simple sentence translation

NATURAL HISTORY (*Zoology I: Flying Creatures of the Fifth Day*)

- Study of God’s flying creatures: insects , birds, bats, pterosaurs

MUSIC

- Distinctly Christian with the study and singing of traditional hymns
- Distinctly Classical with the study of the works of great composers
- Distinctly Academic with the study and singing of folk songs, rhythm, and pitch
- Distinctly Inspired with the use of recorders and other instruments
- Distinctly Musical with performances at Lessons & Carols and Fine Arts Evening

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- Natural History field trip and Blanton Museum of Art field trip
- Greek Olympics
- Drama Presentation
- Various guest speakers

ART

Art is integrated into the content of Bible, History, Math, Literature, Latin, and Science.

- **Art concepts studied include:**
- Understand and apply the elements of design-- line, shape, color, texture, value space found in God's creation.
- Color theory: primary colors, secondary colors, tints and shades, warm and cool
- Use color to show expression
- Use color to show a foreground, middleground, and background.
- Locate and discuss clues in art that tell about the artist and their life
- Compare artworks that tell stories: stained glass, paintings, sculpture
- Identify symbols as clues in artworks
- Describe events and styles found in art works
- Describe feelings found in arts
- **Art media and techniques include:**
- Drawing with graphite pencils, charcoal, conte crayons, colored pencils, pastels, and markers
- Painting with watercolors, tempera and acrylic paints
- Printmaking
- Clay (Greek Vases)
- Mask making
- Computer art

We will study Greek vase artists: Andokides, Exekias as well as the Cave Paintings of Lascaux, France and Texas.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education at Grace Academy serves many purposes. Not only do we focus on skill building and physical activities, but the importance of exercise, healthy living, and proper nutrition. We emphasize participation, cooperation, and sportsmanship as a team member. Activities to achieve these goals include:

- Learn the rewards of physical activity
- Good sportsmanship and cooperation encouraged
- Fundamental skills are learned in group and team play
- Throwing/catching
- Locomotor skills
- Movement ed/games
- Jump rope long/short
- Juggling
- Basketball Skills
- Rhythm unit and performance
- Kicking/Punting
- Recreational games
- Cooperative games