



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS

GRADE 3

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our Grade 3 students receive high quality instruction and the support to become mature, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is designed to support the whole child, to encourage creativity, and to foster curiosity. We believe our Third Grade curriculum is vitally important and the foundation for future learning.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A CHC GRADE 3 CLASSROOM?

- Opportunities for students to take on independent learning and research activities
- Emphasis on teamwork, collaboration, and social development
- Integration of technology in instruction
- Environments emphasizing differentiation, small group instruction, and growth-mindset
- An intentional focus on building math confidence

WHAT DOES THE CHC GRADE 3 CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

Third Grade is a milestone year for reading and math. To best meet the needs of our students, third graders have the opportunity to enroll in College Prep or Honors Math. This focused differentiation helps students build confidence and self-awareness about strengths, areas of improvement, and learning pace. Across subject areas, students gain the tenacity to work independently and pursue projects of their interests. In Language Arts, they use various research tools and analyze texts from different genres. In science, students pose questions, look for answers, and explore the natural world around them. The carefully designed, cross-curricular activities in Spanish, Art, Physical Education, Music, Guidance, and Library classes support academic and social development.

WHAT KEY SKILLS/CONCEPTS DO CHC GRADE 3 CLASSROOMS INTRODUCE TO STUDENTS?

Math: *Math in Focus*

- Addition, subtraction, and mental math to 10,000
- Use units of measurement to solve real problems
- Multiply and divide two digit numbers
- Compare fractions and create equivalent fractions
- Analyze angles and two- and three-dimensional shapes

Science:

- Discover engineering and design process
- Explore North American oceans and landforms
- Expand indigenous knowledge of architecture and agriculture

Language Arts: *Reader's Workshop and 6+1 Writing Traits*

- Investigate various genres of writing
- Analyze novels, articles, and digital texts
- Use digital tools for independent research
- Publish narratives, persuasive essays, poetry, and expository texts with various digital tools

Social/Global Studies: *North America*

- Research the presidents and first spouses of the U.S.
- Investigate the regions of America
- Explore the history and current day lives of North America's indigenous populations
- Complete a yearlong study of one of the 50 states