

# Third Grade

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Third grade at SRVCA is a year of transition when students are challenged to apply earlier skills and become independent and responsible learners. From digging deep into God's Word every morning to mastering the basics of writing, students build both practical study skills and self-confidence. In third grade, students are encouraged to live out their faith in practical ways as they study the Bible and apply it to their lives.

## Fast Facts

- 22 student maximum class size
- 30-50 minutes of homework per night
- 3-4 field trips
- 5 enrichment classes per week: PE, Music, Studio Workshop, Computers and Library
- 2 musical presentations per year: Christmas Musical and Spring Performance

## Field Trips

- Oakland Zoo
- Lawrence Hall of Science
- Tassajara One Room SchoolHouse
- Attend theatrical performance at Dean Leshner Theatre

## Highlights

- Cursive Licenses
- Multiplication Licenses
- Famous American Speeches
- Bat Week

## Homework Expectations

- 30-50 minutes each night
- 20 minutes of nightly reading

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## Curriculum Outlines

### **Bible and Christian Leadership - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Third graders begin each day with Bible study and prayer. The primary goal is that students understand God's desire to have a relationship with them, respond by making a personal decision to receive the gift of salvation, and begin to develop the mind of Christ. Memorization of scripture further enhances the development of a biblical worldview.

### **Language Arts – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading, Zaner Bloser Handwriting ([HMH Into Reading](#)) ([Zaner Bloser](#))**

Third graders build a strong foundation for solid writing, reading, listening, and speaking of the English language using an integrated approach. Included is whole-group and small-group instruction as well as the use of digital tools and differentiated instruction. Particular attention is paid to writing solid paragraphs with proper elements.

### **Math - Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life ([Big Ideas Math](#))**

This rigorous program balances conceptual understanding with math procedures and application. Each lesson offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. Hands-on activities allow students to gain understanding and confidence as concepts are applied using manipulatives and exploration. Multiplication and division facts are mastered with attention to speed and accuracy.

### **Science - Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Third grade science incorporates a Christian worldview by showing God's nature and Man's responsibility as revealed through creation. Biblical truth is woven throughout the text. Science process skills such as hypothesizing, experimenting, inferring, and classifying are applied. Students investigate the beauty, order, intricacy and variety found in creation. Children's natural inquisitiveness and joy of discovery forms the basis for the investigation of animals, ecosystems, the solar system, and basic biology.

### **Social Studies – Bob Jones ([bjupress.com](http://bjupress.com))**

Third graders study American history from a Christian perspective through the biographies of great Americans with the intent to make history "come alive." The emphasis is on patriotism, character development, and the variety of contributions made by Americans to this country. The principles of individuality, self-government, and Christian character are studied.