

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

# GRADE 3

### Lower School



## Reading

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**Curriculum:** Reading strategies in a workshop approach, literature, skills-based lessons

**Novels:** *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe; The Sign of the Beaver*

**Comprehension Strategies:** Summarizing, main idea, making connections, character analysis, predicting, envisioning

## Math

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**Curriculum:** Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 3  
Advanced Levels: Math 4 or Math 5 (Go Math as a resource)

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

## Science

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**Curriculum:** Lab-based science program

**Content:** Animal classifications, vertebrate and invertebrate classification, life science, plants

**Science Symposium:** Each student picks an animal, writes a research paper, and creates a visual display.

## History

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**Curriculum:** The Story of the World Vol 2: The Middle Ages

**Content:** Fall of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance

## Writing

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**Curriculum:** Writing strategies in a workshop approach

**Content:** Research, personal narrative, informational writing, opinion writing, literary essays

## Grammar

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**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; simple sentences with compound subjects and compound verbs; possessive pronouns and adjectives

## Bible

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**Curriculum:** NIV Bible

**Content:** Gospels and the early church including Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts; memorize New Testament books of the Bible

## Specialists

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

## Field Trips

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Issaquah Salmon Hatchery  
Washington Arboretum  
Cougar Mountain Zoo  
Farmer Frog  
Point Defiance Zoo

## Highlights

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Innovation Lab  
Big/Little Reading Buddies  
Science Symposium  
Christmas at Bear Creek  
Easter Chapel  
Mothers Tea  
Evening of Artists  
Authors Celebration