

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 3

Lower School



Reading

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

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

Curriculum: Lab-based science program

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

Animal Research Night: Each student picks an animal, writes a research paper, and creates a visual display.

History

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

Content: Fall of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

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

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

Bible

Curriculum: NIV Bible

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

Specialists

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

Field Trips

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

Highlights

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