

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

Literacy in the Library: Weekly students have dedicated literacy instruction time to check out books, grow their literacy skills and passion for reading and research.

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

Math

Curriculum: Saxon, MathFactLab and supplementary resources

Individualized Placement:
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.

Bible

Curriculum: NIV Bible

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

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

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

Specialists

Art
Lab Science
Language
Music including recorder
Physical Education
Programming & Math
Foundations

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.

Field Trips

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

History

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

Content: Fall of the Roman Empire through the Renaissance

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Reading Buddies
Animal Research Night
Christmas at Bear Creek
Easter Chapel
Dads 'n Donuts
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration