

At Cape Henry Collegiate, 3rd grade is an important milestone as students transition from learning foundational skills to applying them with greater independence and confidence. Through engaging, inquiry-based instruction, students strengthen reading, writing and mathematical thinking while learning to communicate effectively, collaborate with others and solve increasingly complex problems. As students grow academically and personally, they build knowledge, habits and resilience.

WHAT MAKES GRADE 3 DISTINCTIVE?

In grade 3, students take greater ownership of their learning and apply foundational skills in meaningful ways. Students ask thoughtful questions, conduct research, analyze information and communicate their ideas through writing, discussion and presentations. Teachers intentionally balance guidance with increasing independence, helping students become confident learners who are ready for the challenges ahead.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A GRADE 3 CLASSROOM?

- Inquiry-driven lessons that encourage curiosity, investigation and critical thinking.
- Collaborative learning experiences that strengthen communication, responsibility and problem-solving skills.
- Hands-on science, engineering, coding and robotics experiences that foster creativity and innovation.
- Rich discussions, research opportunities and writing that deepen understanding across disciplines.
- A supportive environment that encourages perseverance, academic risk-taking and a growth mindset.

A GRADE 3 STUDENT WILL...

- Analyze a variety of increasingly complex texts and support ideas with evidence.
- Write narratives, informational pieces and literary responses for authentic audiences and purposes.
- Develop fluency with multiplication, division and problem-solving strategies.
- Design, code, test and refine solutions using advanced block coding and robotics.
- Investigate scientific questions through observation, experimentation and engineering design.
- Develop a deeper understanding of North America's geography, history, cultures and diverse communities.
- Present research and learning with growing confidence to classmates, teachers and families.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GRADE 3 CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Students build knowledge through rich literature and engaging topics, including sea exploration, space exploration and stories that illuminate the immigrant experience. Through reading, discussion, vocabulary development and evidence-based writing, students strengthen comprehension, analytical thinking and communication skills.

Mathematics

Students develop fluency with multiplication, division, addition, subtraction, fractions, measurement, data analysis and mathematical reasoning while applying their learning to authentic problem-solving situations.

Science and Innovation

Students investigate astronomy, Earth's rotation, fossils, habitats and engineering through hands-on scientific inquiry. They strengthen computational thinking by designing, coding and solving challenges using advanced block coding and robotics.

Social and Global Studies

Students explore the geography, history, cultures and regions of North America while learning about influential leaders, innovators and Indigenous peoples. Research projects help students develop a broader understanding of the continent's diverse communities and perspectives.

By the end of 3rd grade, students have developed stronger foundational skills, greater independence and increased confidence as learners. They leave the year prepared to embrace the academic expectations, individual responsibility and opportunities that await them in 4th grade.