

## Physical Education

Learning the importance of good sportsmanship through individual and team sports plays a great role in physical education. Oftentimes, life lessons such as sharing, taking turns, encouraging, and being a better team player are brought out in a PE environment. Movement and agility are practiced daily as this is valuable in development of every sport and activity in which we participate. Flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular endurance are taught and practiced often, especially as students participate in fitness testing. The Build Healthy Kids curriculum is utilized to incorporate healthy eating topics on a monthly basis.

## Science

Each of the three branches of science (physical, life, & earth) is covered in a hands-on, minds-on format using the scientific method. The students explore the concepts of forces, motion, and simple machines in physical science. Life science involves a study of adaptations and life cycles of animals, focusing on butterflies. A short research project on Georgia's natural resources is done as well. A study of the properties of water and its vital role in sustaining life on earth rounds out earth science. The students also develop their scientific observation skills with nature walks throughout the school year.

## Spanish

The overall objectives of Spanish in third grade are to develop and reinforce communicative competency in listening, speaking, writing, and culture. Students will gain an intuitive understanding of how the language is acquired and how they can use this knowledge to express themselves linguistically. By developing and refining their intuitive skills, students also acquire a basic understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures in the Spanish-speaking world.

## Technology

Beginning in third grade, students are issued a device to use in the classroom. They are taught to care for their device, keeping it charged so it is ready to use when needed. Students may use their device at their teacher's discretion to complete in-class assignments and to work on programs to reinforce basic math facts and skills. In technology class, students are taught how to use digital tools to communicate thoughts and ideas with creativity and innovation. Students will also engage in critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making activities to strengthen these skills. The concept of Digital Citizenship will also be expanded upon as students have access to technology on a more regular basis.