

THIRD GRADE

Third grade is a year of growing curiosity, confidence and independence. Students begin to take greater ownership of their learning as they strengthen study habits, deepen friendships and explore new challenges with enthusiasm.

They use technology purposefully to research, create and discover more about the world around them. Shared novels and classroom projects foster a love of reading and community, while field trips, like visiting the historic Woodside Store, make history come alive through hands-on experiences.

It is a year that blends academic growth, faith, and personal discovery as students grow as learners and friends of Christ.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Third graders continue to grow as confident readers and expressive writers. They learn to organize their thoughts, take notes, and use writing as a way to share ideas and discoveries. Students explore narrative, opinion, and expository texts while learning to put information into their own words. As they read, they begin to recognize different points of view and use text evidence to support their understanding. Vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure lessons help students communicate clearly and creatively.

MATHEMATICS

Students strengthen their addition and subtraction skills using new strategies and problem-solving approaches. They explore place value and work with numbers within 1,000, while learning to collect and represent data in tables and graphs. Multiplication and division within 100 are introduced through games, visual models, and real-world applications. Students also begin to identify and compare fractions and explore geometry concepts such as area, perimeter, lines and angles.

RELIGION

Third graders continue to grow in faith and independence as they deepen their relationship with Jesus. They study the Great Commandment, the Beatitudes, virtues, and the lives of the Saints to understand how to live a Christian life. Students learn and recite prayers, including the Rosary, and reflect on how faith guides their choices, relationships, and sense of community.

SCIENCE

Students explore God's creation through hands-on inquiry and problem-solving. Topics include forces and motion, plant life cycles, animal adaptations, fossils, and weather patterns. Students apply their learning in creative projects, such as designing a weather protection system out of recycled materials to test against simulated climate events. Through exploration and experimentation, they discover how science connects to real life and the world around them.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

As students age transition out of the play-based kimchis and into the Character Strong program, third graders learn practical ways to build empathy, kindness, and respect in their daily lives. Lessons and class discussions invite students to reflect on how their words and actions impact others, helping them strengthen friendships and make thoughtful choices. They explore themes such as gratitude, perseverance, and responsibility while connecting these traits to their faith and understanding of God's love.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Traditions, cultures, and historical events that affected indigenous people provide a focus for the third grade year, as students research and learn about the peoples and events that shaped our nation. We discuss the U.S. Government, citizenship and participation, and their individual ability to make a difference in their community. They explore the concepts of the economy and how to spend money wisely in the free market.

MUSIC

Students deepen their understanding of music by exploring the four main instrument families; brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion. They learn how orchestras work together to create harmony and expression. Singing, listening, and movement activities continue to nurture a lifelong appreciation for music and its role in worship and celebration.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Third graders develop coordination, strength, and teamwork through movement and play. They explore gymnastics, jump rope, balance, and ball-handling skills, while also learning the importance of warm-up and cool-down routines. Goal-setting activities, like the beep test, help students build perseverance and celebrate personal growth.

SPANISH

Students expand their Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation through songs, games, and conversation. They learn new words connected to the calendar, seasons, and weather while practicing full-sentence responses to improve fluency. Interrogatives are introduced as students begin forming and answering simple questions. Throughout the year, they continue to build confidence as joyful and respectful language learners.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Students transition their early coding skills into Scratch, building comfort with laptops and digital tools. They learn how to use the program's features to create interactive stories and projects while strengthening logic, sequencing, and problem-solving skills. Research and presentation work help students communicate their ideas clearly, showing how technology can be used with creativity, responsibility, and purpose.