

Third Grade Curriculum

Handwriting

- A practice workbook reinforces the Zaner-Bloser cursive handwriting skills taught in second grade.
- All work is to be completed in cursive handwriting, unless otherwise instructed.

Language Arts

- Sentence structure, punctuation, capitalization, parts of speech and usage, and types of sentences are stressed.
- Different kinds of writing are practiced, including friendly letters and poems.
- The Holistic writing program focuses on a different style of writing monthly.

Math

- Review of addition and subtraction with regrouping, time, elapsed time, fractions, decimals, multi-step word problems, problem solving strategies, and fact families, with an emphasis on multiplication and division are practiced.
- Students are evaluated through tests, class participation, and homework.

Reading

- Anthologies from two texts are supported by various resource and skills workbooks.
- Vocabulary, reading comprehension, inferences, main idea and supporting details are skills enhanced through daily work.
- Supplemental trade books (fiction, biographies) are also used.

Religion

- Text focuses on The Church as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic by unit.

- The Liturgical feasts and seasons are reviewed.
- Students are asked to relate the lessons to their own life experiences through various book activities.

Science

- Text covers Earth, Life, and Physical science with specific units on Living Things, the Solar System, and Work and Simple Machines.
- Supplemental worksheets help students identify information from the text and how to read science diagrams.
- Reading comprehension and vocabulary skills are practiced regularly through class and homework assignments.

Social Studies

- Students study various aspects of communities on a local, national, and global scale.
- Map and Globe skills are introduced and reinforced through class work and the use of the text's corresponding Atlas.
- A state report is completed during class over a designated period of time.

Phonics/Spelling

- Together students practice spelling patterns that follow phonetic rules.
- Spelling lessons are taught weekly, with a test at the end of each lesson.
- Daily homework includes practice writing, a-b-c order, and using the words correctly in sentences.