



THIRD GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

Our goal is for students to grow in their independence. Through scaffolded instruction the students learn to take responsibility for their learning as well as their social and spiritual relationships.

BIBLE

Third grade students learn about God's characteristics and what it means to be created in God's image while studying the books of Genesis through Joshua, when the Israelites settled in Canaan. A study of Ephesians reminds students continually of God's gift of salvation.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social studies units focus on Michigan's geography, economy, and history. Students learn the importance of being good stewards of natural resources and enjoying God's creation. Third graders also recognize the part they play in God's Story as they learn about the history of Michigan.

MATH

The beginning of the year starts with a review of multi-digit addition and subtraction. Throughout the year, skills build on multiplication and division, which will lead to memorizing those facts. Third graders learn geometry and measurement by describing shapes and measuring. Students analyze a variety of graphs, build on fraction skills and develop their ability to solve number stories.

SCIENCE

Third graders discover God's order through inquiry-based learning. Topics studied include: life cycles and interaction between plants and animals, motion and weather.





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WRITING

The third graders will explore several types of writing through the writing process including: personal narratives, persuasive, informational, and research writing.

Students work to apply proper grammar skills as they write complete sentences and develop paragraphs. Third graders also work on cursive handwriting using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.

CO-CURRICULAR

Students participate in physical education and Spanish twice a week, and art, music, library and technology once a week.

READING

The Daily 5 framework is used for literacy. Students Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work and Work on Writing. Third graders read "Good Fit" Books in a variety of genres including: non-fiction, poetry, legends, historical fiction, realistic fiction, and biographies, and fairy tales. Mini-lessons are taught for comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.

ENRICHMENT

Third graders grow in their faith and prayer life as they meet with a prayer partner to share praises and requests on a monthly basis. Field trips provide opportunities for students to enjoy God's Creation and see firsthand some of what is studied in the classroom.

