



Grade 3

Curriculum Overview

ELA

This program is organized into two distinct parts: grammar and writing. This allows lessons to be tailored to each student's needs and differentiate instruction. The curriculum meets the following goals: enables students to master grammar; guides students to experience, explore, and improve their writing; gives students the speaking and writing practice and tools they need; and provides students with opportunities to use technology in their learning experience.

ELA Text: Voyages in English by Loyola Press

READING

The main areas of focus for the Reading program includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. The text used in Third Grade supports the research that is critical for student success in each of those five areas. In addition, it embraces evidence that describes other important elements of a high-quality, comprehensive, scientifically based research approach to reading instruction.

Reading Text: Imagine That! by Scott Foresman

MATH

The math program is paced for test success and embraces the NCTM curriculum focal points and connections. There are 20 focused topics that are coherent, digestible groups of lessons with a common focus. Each lesson provides differentiated instruction as well as flexible daily instructions to allow how the sequence of the content should be taught to fit all learning needs.

Math Text: enVisionmath by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley

RELIGION

The ultimate focus for the Religion curriculum is to help guide the children's growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. The students are introduced to ways they can actively participate as members of the church, especially through communal prayer and worship, and through social outreach projects. This program also puts them in touch as fully as possible with the Bible, especially the Gospels, and the liturgy of the church.

Religion Text: We Are the Church, by Sadlier

SPELLING/HANDWRITING:

Proficient spelling is a key foundational skill critical to future academic and vocational success. This year the students will gain all the strategies and tools they need to go beyond words and toward a deeper understanding of language. Research shows that successful spellers are better readers, writers, and test-takers.

The Handwriting curriculum pairs with the Spelling program to foster the students' understanding and correlation between the two topics.

Spelling Text: Spelling Connections, by Zaner-Bloser

Handwriting Text: Handwriting, by Zaner-Bloser

SOCIAL STUDIES

The main focus of the Third Grade Social Studies curriculum is our growing nation, the government, and celebrating our communities. This program applies the latest research and technology to effectively engage students in social studies through civic involvement and literacy. Students will learn about their world while covering the core social studies standards.

Social Studies Text: myWorld interactive, by Pearson

SCIENCE

The Science curriculum challenges the students to formulate questions, explore and experiment, and make conclusions based on their findings. This program is broken into three main focuses: life science, Earth science, and physical science. Each unit explores an in-depth view of the world of science while simultaneously introducing skills such as reading, vocabulary, and writing.

Science Text: Science: A Closer Look, by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill