

Third Grade

Third Grade is the magical year when children realize the power of their own writing, thinking, and learning. They improve in time management and organization skills, which allow them to move toward becoming independent learners. A greater emphasis is placed upon following multi-step directions and thinking critically which allows students to move from concrete to abstract thinking. Students begin to utilize life experiences, developing a deeper understanding of concepts and the world around them, and to connect those experiences to the experiences of others. Reading between the lines, third graders have increased comprehension and start to recognize the subtleties of humor. Highlights for our third graders include a swamp tour, Educational trip to Baton Rouge and Louisiana Day.

Religion

- Concentrate on deepening our understanding of the call that we received as children of God through the grace flowing from the Sacraments (particularly the Eucharist) and our interior faith-life.
- Explore God's plan for his people (Salvation History) starting with a study of his creation, the original sin, the gift of free will
- Dive into the Old and New Testaments through a study of Abraham and Isaac, Moses and the Exodus, The Ten Commandments, David and his Kingship, the Psalms/Proverbs, the Mission of Jesus Our Redeemer, and the Acts of the Apostles.
- Emphasize a life in the mission of the Church through a study of Holy Scripture (an introduction), the Blessed Trinity, the Church year, our call to be participants in the Communion of Saints, vocations, and the role of Our Blessed Mother as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.
- Engage in different approaches to prayer including the rosary, intercession, praise, thanksgiving, prayers expressed in art and song, devotions.
- Prayers to Learn: Apostles Creed, Fatima Prayer

English Language Arts

- Applies organized writing through Thinking Maps
- Incorporates greater detail in writing
- Identifies and analyzes simple story elements
- Increases reading fluency and expands vocabulary
- Learns how to obtain information from nonfiction texts
- Applies acquired spelling rules and strategies in writing



- Unit plans with corresponding readings
- Applies new strategies to writing for clarity and power
- Reads and identifies good-fit books
- Applies grammar conventions through writing
- Read and analyze novels as a class, that relate to real life

Social Studies

- Recognizes the Great State of Louisiana as their home state, and can identify key features of it's ecology, economy, tradition and geography
- Utilizes map skills to find locations, follow directions, and make conclusions about features of a place (political, agricultural, population, continental and state maps)
- Realizes that they are an important part of the local and global community of the people of God and that they contribute greatly to the landscape of the world

Math

- Develops automaticity of mathematical skills
- Is introduced to multiplication and division (including the memorization of facts)
- Begins to identify types of lines (e.g., rays, parallel, perpendicular)
- Explores multi-step problem solving and various problem solving strategies
- Is introduced to expressing mathematical relationships using equations
- Represents data using tables and graphs
- Introduced to the concept of fractions

Science

- Recognizes that science is everywhere in the world around us
- Identifies and manipulates the states of matter
- Analyzes the life cycle of plants and animals
- Creates representations of the parts of the solar system based on facts and information gathered
- Studies weather
- Utilizes the scientific method

Cooperative Learning

- Identifies and begins to celebrate positive qualities of others
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship
- Uses listening skills and responds appropriately
- Deepens respect for and an appreciation of the differences in others

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