

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Curriculum Guide

Third Grade



COURSE DESCRIPTION THIRD GRADE BIBLE

OBJECTIVE: Students will learn to make the Word of God more meaningful to their lives. A key emphasis is establishing students in the Word of God so that they will begin to find answers for themselves. Students will go beyond the factual knowledge of the Scriptures to grow in wisdom and understanding. A strong emphasis is placed on character development; allowing the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the students as they “conform to the image” of Jesus Christ.

TEXTBOOK: 3rd Grade: Growing With God, Positive Action Bible Curriculum, Cherie Noel.

MATERIALS: New International Version Bible, student Bible workbook, memory verse sheets

TIME ALLOTMENT: 20 minutes 5 days a week

COURSE CONTENT: Third grade units will focus on the life of Joseph in the Book of Genesis and the life of Daniel in the Book of Daniel.

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Bible tests, verse tests

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Chapel, National Day of Prayer, Character Traits, videos

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HANDWRITING

OBJECTIVE: With explicit handwriting instruction students will become more effective communicators. Students will realize the value of self-evaluation in all of their written work. Students will learn to form letters quickly, fluently, and legibly leaving them free to focus on the content of their writing.

TEXTBOOK: Handwriting 3, Zaner-Bloser

MATERIALS: Whiteboards, markers, Student workbook, ½ inch ruled newsprint

TIME ALLOTMENT: 15 minutes daily

COURSE CONTENT: Reviewing Manuscript
Cursive Writing: Getting Started
Basic Strokes
Keys to Legibility
Cursive Letters
Lowercase Letters
Joining of Letters
Uppercase Letters

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Four keys to legibility, shape, size, spacing, and slant, form the assessment rubric for written assignments.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Writing samples and essay assignments

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LANGUAGE ARTS

OBJECTIVE: Reading success is ensured through the explicit and systematic teaching of reading strategies, comprehension, decoding of longer words, vocabulary building, spelling, grammar, writing, listening, and study skills.

TEXTBOOK: Reading, California, Houghton Mifflin

MATERIALS: Textbook, writing journal, Daily Language Review, grammar worksheets, novels, Accelerated Reader, Writing Portfolio

TIME ALLOTMENT: 1.75 hours daily

COURSE CONTENT:

Theme 1: Off to Adventure!

“The Lost and Found”

“The Ballad of Mulan”

“The Waterfall”

Charlotte’s Web

Theme 2: Celebrating Traditions

“Keeping Quilt”

“Anthony Reynoso”

“The Talking Cloth”

“Dancing Rainbows”

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Theme 3: Incredible Stories

“Dogzilla”

”Mysterious Giant of Barletta”

“Raising Dragons”

“Garden of Abdul Gasazi”

Theme 4: Animal Habitats

“Night of the Pufflings”

“Seal Surfer”

“Two Days in May”

Mouse and the Motorcycle

Theme 5: Voyagers

“Across the Wide Dark Sea”

“Yumni and Halmoni’s Trip”

“Trapped by the Ice!”

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Spelling tests, weekly comprehension tests, writing projects, book reports, grammar assignments, Accelerated Reader points

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Book reports, Daily Language Review, Accelerated Reader, Steps to Good Grammar, writing projects (narrative, formal letter, descriptive, personal letter), theater production, video

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MATH

OBJECTIVE: By the end of third grade, students will deepen their understanding of place value and their understanding of and skill with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers. Students will estimate, measure, and describe objects in space. They will use patterns to help solve problems. They will represent number relationships and conduct simple probability experiments.

TEXTBOOK: California Mathematics, Scott Foresman

MATERIALS: Textbook, various manipulatives, journals, online tutorials, multiplication facts test sets

TIME ALLOTMENT: 1 hour daily

COURSE CONTENT: Place Value and Money
Addition and Subtraction
Measurement
Multiplication Concepts
Multiplication Facts
Division Concepts
Division Facts
Geometry
Multiplying Greater Numbers
Dividing Greater Numbers
Fractions and Decimals
Data, Graphs, and Probability

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Homework, class work, quizzes, tests

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Computer games, math board games, Mountain Math, Rocket Math

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SCIENCE

OBJECTIVE: Students will learn science concepts through a balance of hands-on activities and content knowledge. Students will have opportunities to use science process skills and the methods of science through hands-on activities. Additionally content resources will help students understand their hands-on exploration.

TEXTBOOK: Discovery Works, Houghton Mifflin

MATERIALS: Text books, hands –on materials, worksheets

TIME ALLOTMENT: 30 minutes daily

COURSE CONTENT:

Roles of Living Things
Sun, Moon, and Earth
Earth’s Resources

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Class work, tests,

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Tessman Planetarium & Bolsa Chica Wetlands field trips, Sea Life report, videos

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SOCIAL STUDIES

OBJECTIVE: Students will study the history of America through the lives of men and women who have played an important part in the forming of our great country. The emphasis is on patriotism, character development, and the contributions of these famous Americans.

TEXTBOOK: Our American Heritage , A Beka Books

MATERIALS: Text book

TIME ALLOTMENT: 30 minutes 3 times a week

COURSE CONTENT:

Christopher Columbus
Pocahontas
Squanto
William Penn
Abraham Lincoln
George Washington Carver
Louisa May Alcott
Benjamin Franklin
Daniel Boone

John Smith
Miles Standish
Martin Luther King Jr.
George Washington
Booker T. Washington
Clara Barton
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Thomas Jefferson
Noah Webster

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED: Class work, tests

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: Videos