

Third Grade Curriculum

Bible _____

The study of Old Testament Biblical heroes leads to discussions of faithfulness and obedience. The parables, miracles, and life of Christ from the gospels are brought to life through dramatization, writing, discussion of Biblical truths, and reciting God's Word. Scripture memorization, weekly chapel, daily classroom instruction, and prayer enhance the Bible lesson. Third grade students reach out to others through local and international mission activities throughout the year.

Language Arts _____

Students learn to read fluently and expressively through continued phonics instruction and the *Bob Jones* program. Novels are used to integrate science and social studies with reading. Students continue to mature in their mechanical skills as well as creative writing abilities through exercises that apply knowledge of parts of speech, sentence and paragraph development, punctuation, cursive penmanship, spelling and vocabulary. Wordly Wise curriculum exposes the students to vocabulary words with an emphasis on definitions, parts of speech, antonyms, and synonyms.

Mathematics _____

Continuing with the *Saxon* curriculum, third grade students learn mathematical concepts and problem solving through carefully selected group activities. All areas of mathematics are integrated so that the students can see the interrelationships. Concepts are not presented in chapters, but gradually introduced over a considerable period of time. Mathematical strands explored include: whole number operations, mastery of multiplication and division, mastery of numeration and place value, measurement and relationships, fractions and decimals, basic geometry, money and estimation, beginning algebra, data analysis, statistics and probability.

Science _____

The third grade science program continues to provide an integrated approach by teaching the wonders of creation through the eyes of God and the Bible. The major studies include human body systems, plant and animal life cycles, and weather.

Social Studies _____

Third grade social studies provides a Christian perspective on our American history by studying the biographies of famous Americans. Learning about patriotism and positive, godly character will be the primary goal while studying the great Americans. Geography and map skills are also emphasized.