

# Third Grade



*“The transition from second grade to third grade is monumental in many ways: new school wing, new lockers, new adventures. This transformational year is centered on Christ and spiritual growth. As third grade educators, we lovingly guide, nurture, and facilitate this transformation into working independence, growing a reading life, developing problem solving skills, and creating servants of Christ with eyes focused on Him.”*

~Mrs. Clemens and Mrs. Haas

## RELIGION

We study God’s Word through Bible lessons and memory work. We learn about Old Testament stories from Adam and Eve through Jonah. We then learn New Testament stories about Jesus’ birth, death, and resurrection. We end the year talking about the beginning of the Christian church and the missionary journeys of Paul.

## TECHNOLOGY

**EasyTech** is the web-based curriculum we use. Students are introduced to visual mapping software to plan and outline projects. They learn basic Email skills, presentation software and continue to improve keyboarding skills

## FIELD TRIPS

- ◆ Mequon Nature Center
- ◆ Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Community Play
- ◆ Wade House/Jelly Belly Factory
- ◆ Milwaukee Art Museum
- ◆ Roden Farm

## MATH

**Saxon Math** is an integrated approach to learning math. We begin the year reviewing basic addition and subtraction facts followed by rounding, counting money, telling time, comparing numbers, measurement, and problem solving. We learn multiplication and division throughout the year.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Communities are the topics of our **Mc-Graw Hill TimeLinks** series. Topics include:

- ◆ Communities and Geography
- ◆ Communities Change
- ◆ Many Cultures, One Country
- ◆ Communities at Work
- ◆ Communities and Government

## SCIENCE

**Elevate Science** is our text. *Physical Science* is presented with the topics: Motion & Forces and Electricity & Magnetism. *Earth Science* is taught with Weather & Climate. *Life Science* topics are Life Cycle & Traits, Adaptations & Survival, and Fossil Evidence. We have multiple digital resources and the curriculum designs next-generation learning solutions that prepare students to be global citizens.

## READING

Units of Study by Lucy Calkins is our main resource. There are five units covered in third grade: **Building a Reading Life** (Fiction), **Reading to Learn** (Non-fiction), **Mystery, Character Studies**, and **Research Clubs** (Non-fiction). We support the crucial transition children make from learning to read to reading to learn. Students utilize with-in reach fiction books to work on word solving, vocabulary development, observing closely, making predictions, and sharpening their interpretation skills. In addressing essential skills in non-fiction, students focus on thinking critically, comparing texts, determining importance, organizing and synthesizing information for solving real-world problems.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

**Smekens Writer’s Workshop** focuses on the Six Traits of Writing: *Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions*. The Writer’s Workshop format empowers students to plan and write more creatively, meaningfully, and effectively.

## ART

Students are exposed to elements of art through various projects and activities.

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