

Third Grade



“The transition from second grade to third grade is monumental in many ways: new responsibilities, new locations, 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 Preserve
- ◆ Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Roden Farm/Pleasant Valley Pumpkin Farm
- ◆ Wade House/Milwaukee Public Museum
- ◆ Milwaukee Art Museum

MATH

Reveal Math by MacGraw Hill helps to reveal the full potential in every student. Math learning thrives on exploration, conversation, and reflection. This program is designed so all students can succeed in math. Topics such as multiplication and division, fractions, measurements and data will be revealed to students.

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

Savvas Learning Company uses the Next Generation Science Standards as a basis for science inquiry, evidence-based reasoning, and the sense of wonder that propels learning. STEM activities are at the core of the lessons. Third grade explores weather, climate, life cycles and traits, adaptations and survival, force and motion and magnetism.

READING & LANGUAGE ARTS

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. **Smekens Writer’s Workshop** focuses on the Six Traits of Writing: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions. These Six Traits are then incorporated throughout the different types of writing: Persuasive, Informative and Narrative. Patterns of Power adds to this writing workshop model by teaching students the essential grammar conventions through an authentic way of thinking about grammar.

ART

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

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