



Curriculum Summary

3rd Grade



Overview

Learning and Study Skills

Our Third Graders develop thinking and study skills that train their brains to learn. They transition from the concrete to the critical/evaluative process of thinking. Note taking and study skills are applied in all areas of the curriculum. SMART Board learning technology including subject-specific programs and related materials will be used in all subjects.

Religion

Religion is the center of all teaching at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Third Graders begin to see God in others, as well as themselves.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *We Believe*, Sadlier

What Your Child Will Learn

Through the year the students will:

- be an active participant during our weekly Mass
- prepare school Liturgies
- recite The Apostle's Creed
- recite The Ten Commandments
- write their own prayers
- learn to recite The Sign of the Cross, The Glory Be, and Grace Before Meals in Spanish
- know the Mysteries of the Rosary
- attend the Stations of the Cross
- apply the teachings of Christ to their daily interactions with others

Language Arts

Language Arts are an integral part of a student's reading, writing, and speaking success.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Pearson/Scott Foresman Series

What Your Child Will Learn

Students develop their language arts skills by writing:

- poetry
- riddles
- letters
- paragraphs, using adjectives, adverbs, synonyms, homophones, antonyms and sophisticated vocabulary
- book reports
- journal entries



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- daily practice skills in *Simple Solutions*

They practice verbal skills by:

- presenting oral book reports
- participating in the school Mass as lectors and petition readers
- acting in classroom plays

Math

We enable our students to become proactive learners and problem solvers, since math is a gateway to science. A variety of methods and strategies are used to meet the variety of learning styles found in the classroom. This is achieved through manipulatives, whole class instruction, small group instruction, mental math practice, games of logic, note taking and daily work in *Simple Solutions*.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Sadlier-Oxford Series
- *Simple Solutions*

What Your Child Will Learn

Concepts taught include:

- addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers, with and without regrouping
- multiplication and division
- word problems
- geometry
- fractions
- pre-Algebra

Reading

Reading on this level moves from learning to read to reading to learn. Comprehension, fluency and sophisticated vocabulary are emphasized to ensure our third graders meet the state fluency standard of 120wpm.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

Textbook Reading: Pearson/Scott Foresman Series

Textbook Vocabulary: Sadlier-Oxford Series

What Your Child Will Learn

Examples of activities practiced and skills taught include:

- direct reading instruction
- guided comprehension
- flexible grouping
- read-aloud homework
- sustained silent reading



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- daily vocabulary work
- syllabication and phonemic awareness
- decoding and encoding skills
- critical, inferential, and evaluative reasoning skills
- school and classroom library time
- book reports and exciting book projects

Science

Strictly following state and diocesan guidelines, our students are introduced to reading content material and apply what they learn in a variety of ways.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Scott Foresman Series
- Simple Solutions
- Scholastic News supplements

What Your Child Will Learn

Students will become familiar with:

- using the scientific method
- journaling
- graphing and charting
- Experimentation
- STEM Activities

Social Studies

As with Science, our students learn how to read nonfiction material for information. The study of communities is the continuous thread that weaves the students through villages, rural settings, small towns, cities, countries and continents.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- MacMillan-McGraw Hill Series

What Your Child Will Learn

Students will:

- design one of the six main Native American homes (STEM activity)
- research their own heritage and write about its contribution to Christmas
- follow the Iditarod Race and participate by following specific mushers on their journey
- complete a class project of building a community, complete with flags, community rules and songs or cheers for a pledge
- create Duck Buildings to simulate a community that provides goods and services, consumers and producers
- sing the Star Spangled Banner



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Spanish

Students will be introduced to Spanish vocabulary and basic conversation.

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- Supplemental teacher materials

What Your Child Will Learn

- Vocabulary
- Basic conversation
- Prayers– Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, and Hail Mary