

Third Grade Curriculum Overview

Religion

- Focus on the following units: Jesus giving us the Church, Being members of the Church, Leading us to worship, Being called to Discipleship
- Our Religion book's website is: www.webelieveweb.com. The website offers different activities for each chapter to enhance each sacrament and other topics.

Reading and Language Arts & Writing

- Build reading fluency and enhance reading comprehension by learning and practicing reading skills. Novels will also be utilized this year!
- Incorporate phonological awareness, grammar, vocabulary, and spelling
- Students will use Spelling City each week to reinforce skills. Spelling City will be assigned for homework and will be checked each week for a grade! The website is www.spellingcity.com each student will be given a username & password.
- Use of the Empowering Young Writers / Write Tools program, an organized step-by-step approach to develop proficient writers that encompasses a 6+1 Traits model: ideas, organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation.

Handwriting

- The children are asked to print until they are formally taught each letter of the alphabet in cursive. Gradually they will be encouraged to do all written work in cursive. Please stress the importance of neatness in their written work.
- Students will receive their pen licenses individually once they have demonstrated mastery of cursive handwriting skills. They will begin writing with erasable pens at first, and gradually transition to permanent pen.

Math

- Concepts include place value, addition and subtraction of larger numbers, basic multiplication and division facts, measurement, time, geometry, fractions, and problem solving .
- New Sadlier Math Series: Common Core Progress Mathematics designed to effectively implement focus, coherence, and rigor.
- Diverse Grouping Models: Guided Instruction, Guided Practice, Independent Practice as well as "Think, Pair, Share method".
- The students will continue with IXL Math www.ixl.com throughout the school year both in school and at home. IXL Assignments will be checked and students will receive a grade based on the completion of the assignment

Science

- Life, earth, and physical sciences.
- Students will conduct science labs to gain more tangible understandings of the concepts at hand.
- Students will have the opportunity to become the "Scientist of the Week" and conduct lab experiments for their classmates.
- Projects will be assigned throughout the course of the year.

Social Studies

- Communities, their history, and how they work.
- Geography will also be reviewed and students will learn the 50 states and facts about them
- Projects/ Oral Presentations will be assigned throughout the course of the year.