

Third Grade Curriculum Overview



CCA curriculum is consistent with Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math, WA State Standards in History/Social Studies and Next Generation Science Standards.

Bible Study

One in Christ by Concordia Publishing House is a Christ-centered curriculum emphasizing living our faith in words and actions. Topical Bible studies using a variety of Old and New Testament Lessons help students apply Biblical principles to their lives. Beginning with God and His Word, we learn about the Trinity and the gifts each grant us. The topic of prayer and our response to God's love in our daily lives are also included. We have daily prayer time and use devotion time to introduce and share school-wide Christian attributes.

Reading

Reading in third grade emphasizes comprehension, vocabulary, and a greater amount of sight words. McGraw-Hill materials are used, including the basal reader, which introduces students to a wide variety of literature. Short stories and novels such as *Charlotte's Web*, *The Whipping Boy*, and *Ramona Age 8* enrich the reading experience. Accelerated Reader adds to each student's personal reading growth.

Language Arts

Lucy Calkins' *Writing Pathways* introduces writing beginning with the simple paragraph and topic sentence. Grammar components are woven in around the study of the sentence with punctuation, word usage, and parts of speech. Spelling, punctuation and capitalization skills are practiced often with *Daily Oral Language (DOL)*. Plot, setting, crisis, and resolution are taught to begin story writing. The basics of writing reports also begin in third grade.

Math

CCA uses Curriculum Associates Ready Math series for grades 1 through 4. The focus on problem solving and critical thinking provides opportunities for students to apply their understanding and develop math skills in core concept areas, including place value to hundred-thousands, money and time, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division concepts and facts, measurement, geometry, data and probability, basic fractions and decimals. Assessment and customized math practice are accomplished through the adaptive i-Ready program which complements the Ready Math curriculum.

Units of Study in Social Studies and Science

- Apple Harvest/John Chapman
- Communities We Live In
- Our Environment
- Communities that Build a Nation
- The U.S. Government
- Investigative Questioning
- Scientific Inquiry
- Engineering Process
- The Design Process
- Life Cycles/Plants and Animals
- Ecosystems
- Ecology and Natural Resources

Additional Learning Opportunities

- Classroom computers and iPads
- Personalized learning with the Learning Edge and i-Ready in reading/math
- Library/Accelerated Reader Program
- Science Week/Reading Week
- Physical Education
- Art Experiences
- Music class with recorders/All-school musicals
- Weekly Chapel/Service Projects
- Field Trips to complement units of study