

# Third Grade Curriculum Overview

## CORE SUBJECTS

### Bible

Daily Bible lessons and weekly memory verses emphasize life-application and values. Students are encouraged early on and guided to develop a personal and private devotional and prayer time using the Word to know the Father and His Son in a personal way. While Bible is taught as a separate subject, a biblical worldview is integrated into all subject areas. Students survey the Old Testament using Walk Through The Bible methods. Hand-signs represent the chronological order of events in the Old Testament leading to the coming of Christ. They also study the death, resurrection and Great Commission of Christ, culminating in a missions study.

The theme for this year is: The God of History

### Language Arts

Students develop writing skills, reading fluency and comprehension, oral communication, listening techniques and critical thinking. Reading curriculum uses sight words, basal vocabulary, phonics instruction, comprehension and interpretive skills. Students begin learning to read orally and silently with expression, and have weekly spelling lists that parallel the phonics/reading program.. Other skills:

- Phonetic approach to decoding words
- Silent/Oral reading
- Main Idea
- Drawing conclusions,
- Predictions, Inference
- Compare/contrast
- Sequencing
- Character/Plot/Summary
- Use of table of contents/glossary/dictionary
- Book-It Program

#### Spelling

Spelling words parallel the phonics and reading program, teaching rules of spelling and analysis of words through skills such as syllabication, beginning and ending sounds, blended sounds, root words, contractions, prefixes, suffixes, and compound words.

#### Writing

- Grammar skills – sentence construction, capitalization, punctuation, parts of speech
- Spoken, written and listening skills
- Stories with a beginning, middle, and end
- Pre-write, draft, revise and edit

#### Handwriting

Students develop cursive writing skills.

### Mathematics

Students acquire knowledge and skills and develop an understanding of mathematics from their own experience. Our math curriculum builds upon the concrete foundations of mathematics and leads towards an understanding of the abstract and symbolic. It also provides multiple exposures to topics and offers frequent opportunities for review and practice of skills:

- Place value to millions
- Decimals to thousandths
- Fractions /Positive/Negative numbers
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication facts/fact families
- Multiples of 10 & fact extensions
- Number stories
- Estimation
- Multi-digit addition/ subtraction / multiplication
- Patterns/attributes
- Number lines/sequences
- Parentheses
- Number grids/models
- 2-D and 3-D shapes/ Symmetry
- Lines, line segments, rays, angles, turns
- Telling time & figuring elapsed time
- Measuring length, weight, volume, temp.
- Customary & Metric units of measure
- Perimeter, Area, Circumference
- Map scale/Calculating money
- Graphs, maps, charts, tables
- Mean, median, mode
- Probability

### Science/Health

Curriculum introduces Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth Science. The scientific method is taught through hands-on activities and biblical worldview is an imperative component as students observe, investigate and draw conclusions.

### Social Studies

Content and concepts are investigated through the strands of learning of history, government, citizenship, economics, geography, people and places.

# SPECIALS

In the elementary grades K-5, the students meet weekly with an art teacher, music teacher, physical education teacher, Spanish teacher, technology teacher and librarian. It is our goal to provide a more advanced exposure to these special areas, and also help prepare the students for a variety of teachers and expectations that they will experience in middle and senior high school.

## Art

Students experience art through a variety of mediums. They also learn to appreciate art through the study of famous artists and in the recognition of the elements of art in both man-made works and the natural world.

## Library

During library visits, students cultivate their love of reading as picture books, nonfiction books and novels are read aloud. They also learn to choose “good-fit” and age appropriate books.

## Music

The music program for grades K-5 emphasizes music appreciation and the teaching of basic music skills through singing, movement, and playing of instruments. Students learn to glorify God through praise and worship and in participation in a musical.

## Chapel

Students in K-5 attend chapel twice per month. Chapel includes worship through singing, Bible reading, and application of biblical truths at an appropriate level. Students are challenged to live out their faith. Missions are emphasized in our chapels so that students will understand their part in the Great Commission.

## Service Projects

Students will participate in both class and school-wide projects designed to help students follow God's precepts in reaching out in love to others, both in the community and around the world.

## Physical Education

The physical education program fosters an enjoyment of physical activity through the teaching of both individual and team sports, as well as developing motor skills, strength, flexibility, and cardio-respiratory fitness.

## Spanish

Spanish classes for Kindergarten through fifth grade are designed to give exposure to and love for another language and culture, helping our students to delight in God's diverse world.

## Technology

Weekly technology classes in the elementary grades help to prepare our K-5 students for the ever-changing landscape of technology. Part of this program includes online interactive K-5 technology curriculum with instruction in keyboarding, word processing, presentations, and online safety.

## Field Trips

Classes go on specific, purposeful field trips that enrich units of study from a variety of subjects. These may vary from year to year depending on availability, class focus, and scheduling.

- Huntington Bank
- Indian Village
- Giant Eagle
- Nutcracker Ballet
- OSU Planetarium/Library
- Programs at Metro Parks
- Westerville Area Resource Ministry (food drive/food pantry)

## Special Events

- Book Parade
- Thanks Celebration/Service Project
- Indian Project/crafts
- Solar System Project
- Flat Stanley
- Native American Indian study
- 100th Day Celebration