

# 3rd Grade

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is a time to foster a joyful learning experience. Study habits are honed as independence is gained. Students will experience the satisfaction of seeing their hard work pay off in their personal, academic, and spiritual growth.*

*Bible & Leadership* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade begins with students learning the names of God. This helps the students start to understand God's roles and His character. The students then take that knowledge and apply it to our prayer life by dissecting the Lord's Prayer and modeling their own prayer life after it.

*Reading* – In Reading, third graders explore new comprehension techniques and dig deeper into novel studies. A Cricket in Times Square, Homer Price, Mr. Popper's Penguins, and These are My People are among the titles read each year.

*Grammar* – Students learn the eight parts of speech and work toward application. Using catchy jingles to help with mastery of new parts of grammar is a fun part of group learning.

*Writing* – This year the writing focus is on developing a love for writing and taking basic sentences and enhancing them with rich vocabulary. This allows students to build increasingly complex paragraphs and essays.

*Science* – Third graders will learn about our planet, its make up, landforms, natural resources, and how it changes. To do this, they will utilize hands-on activities in order to have a more direct learning experience, including making mud volcanos and touring Marianna Caverns.

*Social Studies* – The second half of the year the focus will be on world cultures, geography, and missions. The class looks at each continent and a few of the unique characteristics to be found in select cultures. Third graders try to gain a general understanding of where the countries are located and what a missionary might be facing in those environments.

*Math* – Students dig into why and how we found the answers to our equations. Students apply multiple strategies to solve problems, learning new concepts throughout the year.

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