

3rd Grade

Language Arts

- ✓ Read for fluency and understanding; weekly assessments in phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, spelling; "whole language" approach
- ✓ Brainstorm, draft, revise, and produce essays: Personal Narrative, Explanatory, Persuasive, Comparative, Expository
- ✓ Learn phonics rules; identify and apply them when sounding out words
- ✓ Learn the parts of speech; learn to identify words in a sentence, to write interesting sentences
- ✓ Diagram sentences
- ✓ Learn and revisit all cursive letter formations (Palmer method)

Mathematics

- ✓ Emphasis on computational skills and problem solving
- ✓ Memorize facts in addition and subtraction, followed by multiplication and division; mental math and written drills
- ✓ Learn how to approach story problems; find key words to solve them
- ✓ Show work needed in problem solving and in two-digit subtraction, etc.
- ✓ Assess with occasional formative quizzes and summative chapter tests
- ✓ Access the textbook web tools for enrichment and reinforcement

Social Studies

- ✓ Learn the importance of being a good citizen
- ✓ Learn how government works at different levels; learn about American holidays, how we identify as Americans
- ✓ Learn about what the economy means
- ✓ Learn to read a map; understand keys, graphs, locations of oceans and lands

Science

- ✓ Learn the different tools for measuring and what they are used for
- ✓ Learn about technological inventions, how they make life easier
- ✓ Explore Earth Science: composition, relation to other planets/solar system
- ✓ Study Life Science: human body and healthy lifestyles

Religion

- ✓ Study the Creed: One triune God; Christ as Redeemer; forgiveness of sins; judgment and heaven as destination
- ✓ Learn Bible stories and concepts (Cain and Abel, Abraham, Lord's prayer, Kingdom of Heaven)
- ✓ Learn about the types of sacraments and God's grace in each
- ✓ Learn the Ten Commandments and Jesus' two great commandments; understand the meaning of morality and virtue
- ✓ Learn applications of social justice via the Beatitudes

Specials

- ✓ Art - Find clues to cultural and chronological context; recognize symbols; recognize materials; speculate on a piece's purpose; discriminate and apply varying types of shape, colors, lines, textures, and space in personal work
- ✓ Music - Repeat pitch and rhythm patterns; follow conductor cues; sing *a cappella* and in rounds; sing using dynamics and vocal modulations; recognize notation for all common rhythm values; identify dynamic markings; create lyrics for melodies and vice versa
- ✓ Spanish - Expand noun and verb vocabulary; learn vocabulary specific to situations (at home, in class, etc.)
- ✓ Physical Education - Use an implement to manipulate an object (bat - ball); combine skills (dribbling and running); modulate force; tolerate variety in others' abilities; encourage others; make personal goals and assess progress