

Third Grade Curriculum

Religion: “Spirit of Truth” by Sophia Institute is our Religion book. In addition to the book, we will study many other units on the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc. We attend Mass at least once a week.

Reading: We teach the Diocese of Alexandria standards and skills using high interest novels. Our lessons are built around skill sets in each chapter/section of the book. Unlike in generations gone by, book studies and novel units are not focused on the detail or content of the book. Instead, we focus on skills and concepts that we can learn from each book, ex: character traits, main idea and detail, author’s purpose, rich vocabulary, etc.

Grammar/Writing: Grammar is taught in content areas such as Social Studies, Science and Reading. We use the Sadlier Grammar Workshop as a supplemental resource text.

We teach a unit of writing each semester. Students learn techniques for writing Informational Reports, Opinion Pieces and Reflective Personal Narratives. Our goal is to make them all authors!

Spelling/Phonics: Weekly word lists are based on current Phonics lessons. Teachers use interactive strategies and games to teach the applicable spelling rule for each week. Students love finding words that follow current phonics rules in the real world!

Handwriting: Cursive handwriting is taught in third grade. We use the Handwriting Without Tears method and will approach this systematically beginning with basic strokes and progressing into letter formation.

Math: We will follow the Eureka Math curriculum and love the way it makes students think critically about math. Through songs, games, rhymes and practice, students master multiplication and division fact families from 0-12. Zearn is used to practice and reinforce the math skills that students are continuing to build.

Social Studies: 3rd grade Social Studies focuses on the study of Louisiana. We focus on the geography, history, and government of Louisiana. We explore the culture and heritage that makes our state unique. We culminate our study of Louisiana with our “Louisiana Day”. Each student is given a festival and city to research and prepare a float, travel brochure, and Louisiana recipe.

Science: We teach the state science standards using hands-on, technologically rich, investigative study of science. We explore plants and animals, earth and forces. The basal is Elevate Science by Pearson.

