

Third Grade Curriculum

Trinity's educational philosophy is to develop the whole child. These areas include the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional development of each child. Some of the goals our Third Grade curriculum encompasses are:

Language Arts

- Write a story that contains setting, problem & solution with transitions.
- Control of correct spelling, grammar, punctuation & capitalization.
- Write in a variety of modes
- Convey main ideas with some supporting details
- Control of eye contact & speaking at appropriate rate & volume
- Build vocabulary –use a dictionary
- Independently decode 3rd Grade level words
- Extend thinking skills
- Make use of a dictionary & glossary
- Increase vocabulary
- Understand 3rd Grade reading material and speak about it

Mathematics

- Perform whole number calculations w/paper, pencil & calculators.
- Estimate solutions to problems
- Use concepts of place value & grouping
- Measure length, perimeter, weight, area, time, temperature, money & angle
- Use concepts of probability
- Collect, organize, display & describe data with charts, table, number line, bar graphs & line graphs
- Sort, classify & describe shapes
- Use pictures, models, diagrams & symbols to show math concepts

Science

- Investigate the natural world
- Link science to math, writing, technology and other curriculum
- Distinguish between living and nonliving organisms
- Describe the sequence of life cycles of animals
- Understand how bones & muscles work
- Describe the process of digestion
- Identify ways to keep the environment clean
- Describe ways people use rocks and soil
- Recognize that weight, friction, & distance affect force needed to move objects
- Explain what scientists learn from fossils

Social Studies

- Learn about neighborhoods, communities, states, U.S. & world
- Learn about landforms, bodies of water & natural resources
- Goods and services - following production from farm/factory to market
- Learn about local, state & federal government and how they work

- Study Native Americans, early explorers, colonists, the Revolutionary War & westward movement
- Family history, holidays & landmarks

Spanish

- Acquire proficiency in listening & speaking Spanish
- Acquire some proficiency in reading & writing Spanish

Computer

- Introductory keyboarding skills
- Software activities in language arts, math, science & thinking to enrich classroom experiences

Health/Physical Education

- Safety & First Aid
- Being physically active
- Nutrition and food safety
- Caring for your body systems
- Basic movement activities – jumping, running, etc.
- Manipulative activities
- Relays
- Group games – Basketball, volleyball, floor hockey
- Aerobic dance, tumbling, gymnastics
- Trace & field activities

Art

- Utilize advanced crayon techniques
- Create a point of emphases
- Create the illusion of space by variations in size
- Draw & paint cast shadows
- Uses of complementary colors
- Recognize the influence function has on form
- Music related to visual art

Music

- Express themselves rhythmically
- Appreciate various musical styles
- Hear different instruments and tones
- Sing with and without accompaniment
- Repeat scales and sounds

Religion

- Know forgiving love in Christ
- Respond in faith & grow in Christian maturity
- See themselves as redeemed children of God
- Live happily in peace with God
- Express their joy in worship of God and service
- Value God's creative work in the world
- Witness openly to Christ as Savior of all
- Live in Christian hope
- Participate actively in God's mission