



BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

THIRD GRADE OVERVIEW

SUBJECTS TAUGHT DAILY WITH A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE AND WORLDVIEW

RELIGION

Resource: **One in Christ**

Third Graders will learn and grow in their faith through active participation in prayer, written activities, daily devotions, and weekly worship. The Religion curriculum is integrated throughout the entire school day. Students will:

- Learn about salvation and their need for Jesus Christ as our savior, Bible history, stories, and people, and the life of Jesus
- Study Martin Luther
- Distinguish between law and gospel
- Grow into Christian maturity
- Identify themselves as members of the Body of Christ, the church
- Read and memorize parts of the Small Catechism and Bible verses
- Attend weekly chapel
- Learn about how children are created in God's image and that babies grow in their mom's belly

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

Resource: **Scott Foresman Reading Street**

Students experience a world of literature. Many genres are studied including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, plays, fantasies, biographies, fables, and realistic fiction. Novel studies are incorporated at least once per quarter.

- Theme studies include Dollars & Sense, Smart Solutions, People and Nature, One of a Kind, Cultures, and Freedom
- Students continually work on comprehension, critical thinking, cause and effect, listening, oral expression and fluency, compare and contrast, main idea/details, and author's purpose

Writing

- Fictional & Personal Narrative
- Opinion & Informational Essays

Phonics/Spelling

Resource: **Rebecca Sitton**

- Letter sounds
- Review short/long vowel
- Synonyms/antonyms/homophones
- Prefixes/suffixes
- Consonant blends/spelling patterns
- Compound words

Grammar

Third grade students continue to strengthen their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and spelling skills. They are encouraged to apply these communication skills throughout all subject areas. Students will study:

- Complete sentences
- Nouns (common/proper/possessive)
- Verbs (action/linking/main/helping/irregular)
- Adjectives (comparative/superlative)
- Adverbs
- Pronouns (subject/object)
- Contractions
- Subjects/predicates
- Punctuation/capitalization
- Proofreading
- Daily language review

Listening & Speaking

- Small and large group discussion skills
- Oral reading skills & presentations
- Storytelling
- Reading Groups

HANDWRITING

Resource: Handwriting Without Tears

- Continue to develop proper cursive handwriting form & technique

MATHEMATICS

Resource: Saxon Math

Third graders acquire knowledge of mathematics and its relationship to daily living. Students are encouraged to apply math skills in a variety of ways and strengthen their problem solving skills. Hands-on and manipulatives are utilized.

- Students understand math is a reflection of God's orderly mind
- Place value
- Money and time
- Addition and subtraction basic facts
- Multiplication and division
- Problem solving skills and strategies
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Data and probability

SCIENCE

Resource: Scott Foresman Science

Students will explore the world around them. They will learn through observation, predicting, questioning, and explaining.

- Space and technology
- Forces and motion
- Animals and plants, rocks, and soil
- Changes on Earth
- The water cycle

SOCIAL STUDIES

Resource: BJU Press Heritage Studies

Third graders will strive to be good and responsible citizens in their communities.

- Geography
- Economy
- Government
- Resources
- Religion & Culture
- Climate
- Regions including Africa, Europe, Asia, Oceania, North/Central/South America, and the Caribbean

Specials

ART - ONCE PER WEEK

Students will improve fine motor skills through detailed drawing, painting, and sculpture

- Learn about artists and their particular style and create artwork to reflect that style
- Study proper use of techniques in various mediums
- Be taught proper care of art equipment and supplies
- Listen and follow multi-step directions independently
- Participate in class discussions on artistic style and use of elements
- Be introduced to composition and use of shape and color
- Cross-curricular art projects tie into the science and social studies curriculum

MUSIC - TWICE PER WEEK

- Sing hymns from the Lutheran Service Book
- Repeat sung rhythms on neutral syllables
- Identify and sing quarter and eighth notes in 2/4 and 4/4 time
- Sing simple melodies on solfege
- Listen to played or sung rhythms and echo them back
- Execute vocal warm-ups
- Learn songs, psalms, and liturgical music
- Perform at church and chapel services throughout the year
- Memorize and perform music that will be sung at the school Christmas program and Musical

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - TWICE PER WEEK

Students K-8 participate in the Royal Run, where they run laps throughout the year totaling 26.2 miles. They also end the year with an outdoor Field Day. We begin the year with an introductory unit that establishes class environment, behavioral expectations, and management/organizational protocols. Third grade primary objectives include:

- Learn and practice Christian sportsmanship
- Learn body and spatial awareness
- Enhance social and personal development
- Learn to cooperate, take turns, and experience personal success through movement
- Be given substantial opportunities to actively engage in moving and learning all different sports and fitness skills
- Learn the importance of being physically active and fit

SPANISH - ONCE PER WEEK

Students participate in an active and immersive Spanish program. They focus on vocabulary including colors, animals, greetings, etc. Students will also be able to comprehend and speak in small complete sentences as well as ask questions.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING - ONCE PER WEEK

Resource: Second Step

- Learn the steps needed for learning: focusing attention, listening carefully, and be assertive when asking for help with school work
- Understand what empathy is and how to demonstrate it to others in our world
- Gain knowledge of emotional management
- Explore problem solving techniques
- Discuss bullying and ways to overcome it

LIBRARY - ONCE PER WEEK

Weekly class visits for story time, guidance and exploration of a variety of literature, and print and electronic research in later grades. Introduce students to beloved children's literature and help instill a love of literature. Teach students the importance of reading and help them improve their reading comprehension through various methods and activities.

- Begin to understand the organization of the library by observing that certain books are shelved together
- Train to become an active reader and identify the important content of each story. Browse collection for personal recreation
- Begin to discern their own and each other's reading interests and preferences.
- Read *Peter Pan to Neverland* and *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

TECHNOLOGY

All student computers are monitored through Go Guardian. We are not a 1-to-1 school, and students do not take home technology. We have class sets of chrome books for grades 3-8. Third graders have access to a Google Account, learn to type and format a document, and navigate specific websites. The students will also be taught about internet safety and privacy.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students have many opportunities to engage with one another after school through activities such as Basketball Cheer Camp, Run Club, Soccer Club, Chess Club, Third Grade Stay & Play dates, and other camps & clinics. Schola Cantorum translates from Latin to English as “Singing School.” This optional choral ensemble is available to all Bethany School and Church students in Grades 3-8. Students will further develop their musical and vocal abilities under the direction of Bethany’s Kantor and other qualified assistants. Rehearsals are once per week after school, and the main performance opportunities are participating in Bethany Church services approximately once per month.

FIELD TRIPS & SERVICE PROJECTS

Students in Third Grade will participate in at least two educational field trips during the school year. Each field trip is designed so that students can easily make connections between the concepts they are learning in the classroom and the hands-on learning opportunities available in the field trip experience.

- Students will explore habitats at Brookfield Zoo
- Students will experience a performance such as the Nutcracker or a symphony at Wheaton College to appreciate different types of music and artistic expressions
- The class tours the local fire station #8 and shows appreciation by collecting food items to donate to the men and women
- Students support School Chapel offerings as well as projects organized by the Student Council and Church
- Students correspond with Senior Buddy Bethany Church Members

HOMEWORK

Homework helps to review lessons and reinforce students' skills. It also helps to teach responsibility. In Third Grade, the average amount of homework takes 30 minutes to complete.

PARENTS CAN HELP BY

- Praying for you child’s growth, development, and relationships
- Modeling active participation in weekly worship and daily devotions
- Checking homework for understanding upon completion
- Fostering independence at home
- Providing a quiet work area with necessary materials and supplies
- Set a time for homework to be completed, reinforce good study habits
- Looking through classroom papers with your child to monitor progress
- Encouraging good nutrition, exercise, and rest
- Reading with your child and listening to him/her read regularly
- Practice memory work, spelling words, and basic facts at home
- Assist with classroom projects and field trips
- Staying up-to-date through school/class newsletters
- Becoming room parents and/or being a part of our Parent Teacher League