

Third Grade

The Third Grade takes students on a challenging journey in Math, Reading and Language Arts, Spelling, Social Studies, and Science. Cross-curricular units help students gain a deeper understanding of concepts and events. Cursive handwriting is taught and practiced in Third Grade. iPads are used in all areas of the grade and Cooking is worked into all aspects of the Third Grade - each child also makes their own Birthday cupcakes when it is their birthday.

Curriculum

Language Arts and Reading:

In the Third Grade the Open Court Reading Series expands on Reading comprehension skills and transitions students from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” Spelling is a critical component of Third Grade Language Arts. Students learn about writing in various forms – expository, narrative, persuasive and creative. They also learn correct grammar and usage. The Third Grade has an Oral Book Report that is performed in December and an Oral Biography Report in May where students dress up as their person and read their report. Third Graders also learn the important life skill of memorization. Poetry memorization is performed throughout the year and in the spring they work on their own poetry writing.

Mathematics:

Third Grade students practice Math skills using Saxon Math, Daily Oral Math, Accelerated Math and Math Facts in a Flash. Math computation, geometry, measurement, data analysis and probability are the focus.

Science & Social Studies:

Social Studies is integrated into literature based study through reading and language arts and thematic units and taught using the Harcourt Social Studies Series. Third Grade students also work on Science through Science Studies Weekly. They study the different aspects of Science through experiments and activities.

The Third Grade also enjoys daily Physical Education and Music; weekly Art, Library, Chapel and Godly Play; and, bi-weekly Technology and Creative Writing classes.

Throughout the year there are many special activities and trips. Third Graders are the Team Captains for celebrating the 100th Day of School with the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades. They enjoy many Field Trips that are related to the units that they are studying: Chickasaw Festival and National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum trips enhance the Native American and Oklahoma units of study in Social Studies; and, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Perot Science Museum integrate with their Language Arts units on Money and Space.