

NorthCreek Academy

Third Grade

Bible

The third grade Bible curriculum is designed to strengthen the students' understanding of the Bible. This course includes Biblical values that can easily be applied to the lives of each student. We focus on the fruit of the Spirit and godly characteristics. These values are learned through the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel. Our monthly Bible verses enhance our curriculum, and correlate with our chapel program.

Language Arts

We continue to learn about grammar, sentence structure, and mechanics of writing through Shurley English. A major focus in third grade is composing a correctly formatted paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting facts and details, and a conclusion. This is applied through publishing several written pieces including: a how-to essay, a persuasive essay, a biography report, and an animal research report. In Language Arts we continue to develop reading comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary through the use of our literature anthologies and spelling curriculum. Students are exposed to a variety of genres (biography, historical fiction, realistic fiction, mystery and more) through our monthly book reports. Throughout the year we will also be reading several core literature novels in class which correspond to our curriculum. These novels include *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Charlotte's Web*.

History/Social Studies

The curriculum is twofold: exploring communities past and present; and a "Classical" history overview that spans from King James and continues to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Geography is incorporated and related to both areas of study. In addition, we will get to explore our past through Living History in our surrounding communities.

Math

The third grade mathematics curriculum includes the information, skills and concepts required by California's state standards. The curriculum encompasses the following scope of skills: place value, money and time, addition and subtraction, multiplication concepts and facts, geometry and measurement, division concepts and facts, data and probability, fractions and decimals, and multiplying and dividing greater numbers. Mastery of multiplication facts is a goal. Students will practice problem solving and critical thinking skills through multi-step word problems.

Science

We are using the FOSS Curriculum which enables us to get involved with many hands on experiments! The curriculum covers foundations for understanding: adaptations in physical structure or behavior (we love our crayfish!), the relationship between energy, matter, and light that has a source, and the patterns and movements of the sun, moon, and stars. This will help us to learn about our amazing God, our Creator, as we see His order, logic, and creativity in our units which include, *Structures of Life*, *Matter and Energy*, and *Sun, Moon, and Stars*.