

Each Day

Third grade students have both classroom time and enrichment class time each day. Bible lessons are taught daily and normally start each student's day. Lunch and recess are typically in the middle of the day to provide a "brain break" for students. Students will bring home a "Monday Folder" every week. Inside, parents will find: graded papers, announcements and special assignments. Parents may also check Parents Web for the class newsletter, spelling words, Bible verses, special assignments and classroom information.

Parents need to sign his/her child's "Monday Folder" and return it on Tuesday.

Classroom Parties

We celebrate Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and an End of the Year party each year. Our parties are coordinated by the class "room mom" and planned by parent volunteers.

For birthday celebrations, students may bring a snack to share. The time and day must be pre-arranged with the teacher.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to attend class parties.

Field Trips

In third grade, students may take field trips to places such as rock collecting at an area farm, The Dallas World Arboretum, Bass Hall and Casa Manana. Approved drivers take students to events. Permission slips will be sent home with all information concerning field trips.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to participate in class field trips.

Homework

As a parent it is critical at this stage in your child's development to be actively involved in student's homework. This includes helping the child by providing time, supplies and an area that is free from distractions where children can build good study habits, organizational skills and responsibility. Homework will be assigned to reinforce concepts and skills taught in the classroom. Additionally, work not completed in class may be sent as homework as well as special class projects. It is the student's responsibility to turn in his/her homework the following day. Work turned in late will receive a 10 point deduction on the first day the work is late. A 20 point deduction is given for the second day late and a 30 point deduction is given on the third day late. No late homework is accepted after the third day. Per TCA policy, a student has one day for every day absent to return completed make-up assignments.

In third grade, homework is normally given on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Nightly homework requires approximately 30-45 minutes of work at home.

Third Grade Hours

8:20-3:15

Early Bird Before School Care– 7:30-8:10
Eagle's Nest After School Care– 3:35-6:00

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Welcome to



Third Grade

Trinity Christian Academy is dedicated to developing excellence in education, character, and servant leadership through a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Welcome to Third Grade!

Third grade at Trinity Christian Academy is an exciting time of growth in independent learning as students apply their reading and reasoning skills to gain understanding. Both traditional and hands-on learning allow third graders to explore all subjects through a Christian worldview using Bible-based curriculum. Below are some distinctives of third grade at TCA:

- Small class size (1 teacher per 18 students)
- Bible-based curriculum
- Strong, balanced reading and language arts program
- Traditional classrooms which allow for whole group instruction, peer learning and independent learning centers
- Weekly chapel
- Field trips
- Bible Buddies
- Enrichment classes

Enrichment Classes

Students attend Spanish, computer, library, music and PE twice a week. Students attend art class once a week.

Mission Projects

In order to teach Christian service, each teacher will select a classroom mission project for the year. Teachers explain the project to students and make arrangements for class participation. Third grade classes most often gather items needed by missionaries and local charities, and reach out to nursing homes and soldiers.

Bible

Third grade Bible focuses on Christ and His Church. Students study an overview of the life of Christ from His eternal existence through His resurrection and ascension to heaven. They also study the beginning of the Church through the spreading of the Gospel and the missionary journeys in the book of Acts.

The Bible textbook for third grade is Bible Grade 3 by Purposeful Design Publishers.

Handwriting

At this age, third graders are jumping into cursive writing. Students will learn to connect upper and lowercase cursive letters to form words. Handwriting is practiced every day.

The handwriting textbook for third grade is A Reason for Handwriting/Cursive C by The Concerned Group.

Spelling

Students will be given a list of spelling words on Monday and receive a final test on Friday. Each day students review words in their spelling workbooks with games and spelling activities. Words are to be mastered at home for the test. Spelling lessons incorporate phonics, dictation, use of words in context, journal writing and dictionary skills.

The spelling book for third grade is Spelling Grade 3 by Purposeful Design Publishers.

Reading

The primary goal of third grade reading is to encourage student comprehension by applying skills learned. In order to accomplish this task, students will build an understanding of:

- Word recognition and phonics review-by learning and using variant spellings, syllable division, base words/prefixes/suffixes, compound words, context clues and sight word review
- Express understanding of stories using literal, interpretive, critical and appreciative levels of comprehension
- Draw conclusions, compare and contrast, develop opinions, make inferences and predict outcomes/solve problems/make inferences and use critical thinking when reading
- Build vocabulary from understanding context clues, antonyms, synonyms, prefixes, suffixes, analogies, compound words, contradictions
- Literature- using setting, plot, point of view, metaphors, simile, fanciful elements, idioms, imagery, foreshadowing, personification and conflict. Students will also appreciate rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. Character development, motives, traits, humor, sarcasm and suspense also help in building comprehension
- Students will participate in at-home reading assignments and complete book reports as assigned throughout the year

The reading textbook for third grade is Reading 3 by BJU Press.



Math

Third grade students will increase their math reasoning skills by using:

- Numbers 0-1,000,000
- Place value: hundred thousands/ thousands/ hundreds/tens/ones; even/odd numbers; rounding, sequencing and comparing with $>$ and $<$
- Basic addition and subtraction facts: fact families, five-digit addition and subtraction, communicative property and associative property
- Multiplication and division fact families, repeated patterns, number lines and equations
- Understanding word problems using money, addition/subtraction, comparison, and missing addends (algebra readiness)
- Fractions as part of a whole and set, equivalent fractions, compare, order, mixed numbers, addition and subtraction of fractions

Students will gain a better understanding of math terminology, algebra readiness, decimals, geometry, estimation, measurement, time, graphing, statistics. Students participate daily in lessons reinforced with a variety of manipulatives and games. Practice at home is often needed to help master math facts.

The math textbook for third grade is Math 3 by A Beka Traditional Arithmetic.

Fair Requirements

Third grade students will choose one of the following TCA/ACSI fairs: Speech Meet, Art Fair, or Young Author's Fair. Students are also required to participate in the HistoryFair.

Language Arts

Third graders apply phonics rules, grammar, writing mechanic skills, vocabulary development, listening and composition skills through daily language arts lessons. Skills are taught through drills, games, and worksheets which correlate with topics covered during reading. Students are given many opportunities to experiment with the development of writing skills through the publication of friendly letters, persuasive essays, narratives, poetry writing and research papers.

The language arts textbook for third grade is Phonics and English 3 by BJU Press

History/Geography

Arranged in chronological order, third grade history is a study of important people in American history. A time-line is used to help students remember significant dates and events. Through this study, students learn their Christian heritage and study people whose lives are good role models for students of today.

The history textbook for third grade history/geography is Our American Heritage by A Beka Publishing.

Science

In third grade, students grow in their understanding of rocks and minerals, soil, weather, solar system, warm/cold blooded animals, plants, ecosystems, cells, parts of the human body, motion, energy and matter. All of science is taught with an understanding that God created our wonderful world.

The science textbook for third grade is Science 3 by BJU Press.