



THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

By the end of 3rd grade, our goal is for students to become confident, independent learners who can apply their skills across subjects and take greater ownership of their learning.



Phonics & Reading:

- Read grade-level stories, passages, and books with fluency, accuracy, and expression.
- Use phonics and word-attack skills to decode unfamiliar and multisyllabic words.
- Build vocabulary and determine the meaning of words using context clues.
- Identify main ideas, supporting details, sequence, cause and effect, and other important story elements.
- Make connections, draw conclusions, and answer questions using evidence from the text.
- Summarize and retell what they have read.
- Develop independent reading habits and comprehension skills.

Goal: Read independently with fluency and demonstrate strong understanding of grade-level material.

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

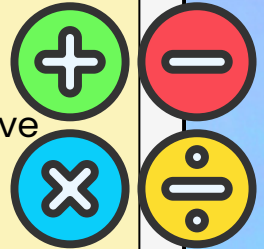
- Write complete, organized paragraphs and multi-paragraph compositions.
- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
- Identify and correctly use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and other parts of speech.
- Identify subjects and predicates and understand different types of sentences.
- Use correct verb tense and agreement.
- Write stories, descriptions, reports, and responses to prompts.
- Organize ideas into a logical sequence with appropriate details.
- Revise and improve written work.
- Continue developing neat, fluent handwriting.

Goal: Clearly communicate ideas through organized writing using correct grammar and mechanics.



MATH

- Read, write, compare, and order larger numbers using place value.
- Add / subtract multi-digit numbers with accuracy and regrouping.
- Develop multiplication and division fact fluency.
- Understand multiplication / division relationships and solve related problems.
- Solve multi-step and real-world word problems.
- Work with fractions, money, time, measurement, and geometry.
- Use estimation and mental math strategies.
- Explain mathematical thinking and choose appropriate strategies for solving problems.

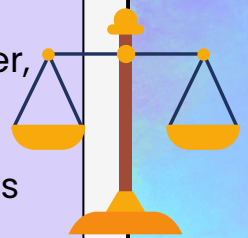


Goal: Develop strong computational skills and confidently apply mathematical reasoning to solve problems.

HISTORY

- American History: Important people, events, government, freedoms, and the development of the United States.
- Geography: U.S. states and regions, landforms, bodies of water, map skills, and how geography influences people and communities.
- Biblical Connections: Biblical principles and character lessons connected to historical events and people.

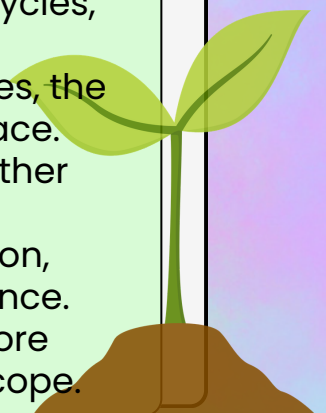
Goal: Build a strong understanding of American history and geography through 4th-grade-level content.



Science

- God's Creation: Exploring the natural world and recognizing God's design and order.
- Life Science: Plants, animals, ecosystems, habitats, life cycles, and relationships among living things.
- Earth & Space: Earth's features, weather, natural resources, the solar system, and other aspects of our planet and space.
- Physical Science: Matter, energy, forces, motion, and other foundational scientific concepts.
- Scientific Skills: Observation, classification, investigation, experimentation, and drawing conclusions from evidence.

Goal: Develop strong scientific thinking while learning more advanced science concepts than the typical 3rd-grade scope.





BIBLE

- Important Bible stories, people, and events from Scripture.
- Key truths from both the Old and New Testaments.
- The life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Bible verses through regular memorization.
- Biblical principles such as faith, obedience, integrity, forgiveness, wisdom, and responsibility.
- How Scripture applies to choices, relationships, and everyday situations.
- How biblical truth connects with learning in other subject areas.

Goal: Grow in biblical knowledge while developing a stronger understanding of how God's Word applies to everyday life.

Class, Homework, and Grading Expectations



Classwork

Students will complete daily classwork and activities that reinforce the skills being taught in each subject.



Homework

Homework is a GCS standard and will be assigned every night. Homework is designed to reinforce classroom learning and help students practice skills independently.



Grading

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the year. GCS requires at least one test or quiz each week in every subject.

- **Tests: 30%**
- **Quizzes: 25%**
- **Classwork: 20%**
- **Homework: 10%**
- **Participation: 15%**

Our goal: Consistent practice, regular assessment, and active participation help students build strong academic foundations.

Preparing Hearts. Building Skills. Growing Learners.