

Holy Family School

Third Grade



Math

Lessons are designed to build fluency, solve real world problems, strengthen the student's understanding of numbers, and develop their metacognition by helping them make connections. Proper use of math vocabulary is encouraged and reinforced during lessons. Mastering multiplication and division facts are key goals for the year.

Reading/Writing

The *Wonders* reading program is designed to foster a love of reading in all children. It prepares students to be lifelong learners and critical thinkers. The *Wonders* reading program ensures students master the close reading routine, respond to the shared read, apply skills and strategies, talk, cite text evidence, and write. Vocabulary instruction is designed to promote language acquisition. It plays an important role in learning to read and comprehending text. Grammar instruction includes the understanding and application of the parts of speech. It also encompasses sentence development along with the proper use of punctuation, capitalization, and correct word usage in writing. *Storyworks Jr.* magazine is used as a multi-genre reading resource to reinforce key reading elements. The i-Ready app is used on a weekly basis to help individualize instruction along with an iReady Reading workbook to reinforce comprehension strategies.

Social Studies

IMPACT Social Studies teaches students to read and apply various map skills. Students learn how to analyze sources and consider multiple perspectives as they think critically about problems, places, and people. Current events are taught through the *Scholastic News* magazine.

Science

The HMH Science Dimensions program encourages students to be curious and to think like scientists. Three strands of science are covered: Life, Earth, and Engineering and Technology. The scientific method and process skills are also explored. Current events are taught through the *Science Spin* magazine.

Religion

Every day 3rd graders participate in prayer and religious instruction. Sadlier's *We Believe* program is used to help students live out their Catholic faith. The liturgical seasons and the teachings of Jesus are explored.

Cursive

The Zaner Bloser program is used to teach the students cursive writing. It introduces the proper formation and joining of both lower and upper case letters. In addition to the correct formation of letters, proper seating position, and letter slant are reinforced. Daily writing in cursive is encouraged.

