

Third Grade

Third Grade is a transformative year in which students embrace their God given gifts and abilities and are eager to express this through their thinking, speaking, and writing. They learn to be good stewards through organization skills and time management. A greater emphasis is placed on thinking critically and following multi-step directions. Third grade students are given more opportunities to work alongside peers through cooperative learning activities. They develop greater empathy and grow in the virtue of charity as they become more aware of the world around them and relate their own experiences to the experiences of others. Highlights for our third graders include the annual Blessing of the Pets, a swamp tour, an educational trip to Baton Rouge, and Louisiana Day!

Religion

- Concentrates on deepening our understanding of the call that we received as children of God through the grace flowing from the Sacraments (particularly the Eucharist) and our interior faith-life.
- Explores God's plan for his people (Salvation History) starting with a study of his creation, the original sin, the gift of free will
- Dives into the Old and New Testaments through a study of Abraham and Isaac, Moses and the Exodus, The Ten Commandments, David and his kingship, the Psalms/Proverbs, the Mission of Jesus Our Redeemer, and the Acts of the Apostles.
- Emphasizes a life in the mission of the Church through a study of Holy Scripture (an introduction), the Blessed Trinity, the Church year, our call to be participants in the Communion of Saints, vocations, and the role of Our Blessed Mother as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.
- Engages in different approaches to prayer including the rosary, intercession, praise, thanksgiving, prayers expressed in art, song and devotions.
- Prayers to Learn: Apostles Creed, Fatima Prayer

English Language Arts

- Applies organized writing through graphic organizers
- Incorporates greater detail in writing
- Identifies and analyzes simple story elements
- Increases reading fluency and expands vocabulary
- Learns how to obtain information from nonfiction texts
- Applies acquired spelling rules and strategies in writing
- Unit plans with corresponding short stories and class novels
- Applies new strategies to writing for clarity and power
- Reads and identifies good-fit books
- Applies grammar conventions through writing
- Reads and analyzes novels as a class, that relate to real life



Social Studies

- Recognizes the Great State of Louisiana as their home state, and identifies key features of its ecology, economy, tradition and geography
- Utilizes map skills to find locations, follow directions, and make conclusions about geographical features (political, agricultural, population, continental and state maps)
- Realizes that they are an important part of the local and global community of the people of God and that they contribute greatly to the landscape of the world
- Participates in Louisiana and experience Louisiana's culture through food, dance, crafts and more!

Math

- Develops automaticity of mathematical skills
- Is introduced to multiplication and division (fluently multiply & divide within 100)
- Explores multi-step problem solving and strategies
- Expresses mathematical relationships using equations
- Represents and analyzes data using tables and graphs
- Uses measurement skills to find area and perimeter of an object
- Explores fractions and equivalence
- Identifies and categorizes geometrical shapes by attributes



Science

- Recognizes that God created us and the science everywhere around us
- Analyzes the life cycle of plants and animals
- Observes and studies weather and the environment God created around us
- Utilizes the scientific method as a means of understanding the world God created
- Learns about the forces of motion

Cooperative Learning

- Identifies and begins to celebrate positive qualities of others
- Demonstrates virtues in team building activities
- Uses listening skills and responds appropriately
- Deepens respect for and an appreciation of the differences in others
- Strengthens social - emotional skills through cooperative learning activities