



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BUILDING MINDS, NOURISHING SOULS.

Curriculum Summary 3rd Grade



Overview

Our Third Graders develop thinking and study skills that train their brains to learn. They transition from the concrete to the critical/evaluative process of thinking. Note taking and study skills are applied in all areas of the curriculum. Technology including subject-specific programs and related materials will be used in all subjects.

Religion

Religion is the center of all teaching at Archangel Gabriel Catholic School. Third Graders begin to see God in others, as well as themselves. Students will continue to learn about their faith, celebrate in the mass and sacraments (Eucharist and Reconciliation), participate in daily prayers and show love and respect to others.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *We Believe*, Sadlier

What Your Child Will Learn

Through the year the students will:

- be an active participant during our weekly Mass
- recite the Angelus
- recite the Act of Contrition
- recite The Apostle's Creed
- recite The Ten Commandments
- write their own prayers
- learn to recite The Sign of the Cross, The Glory Be, and Grace Before Meals in Spanish
- know the Mysteries of the Rosary
- attend the Stations of the Cross
- apply the teachings of Christ to their daily interactions with others

Unit 1: Jesus Gives us the Church

Unit 2: We Are Members of the Church

Unit 3: The Church Leads us in Worship

Unit 4: We are called to Discipleship

English/Language Arts

Language Arts are an integral part of a student's reading, writing, and speaking success. Reading on this level moves from learning to read to reading to learn. Comprehension, fluency and sophisticated vocabulary are emphasized to ensure our third graders meet the state fluency standard of 120wpm.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

Workbook and Textbook Reading

Scott Foresman Reading Street



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What Your Child Will Learn

Examples of activities practiced and skills taught include:

- direct reading instruction
- guided comprehension
- flexible grouping
- read-aloud homework
- sustained silent reading
- daily vocabulary work
- syllabication and phonemic awareness
- decoding and encoding skills
- critical, inferential, and evaluative reasoning skills
- school and classroom library time
- novel read aloud and activities

English Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Voyages in English Textbook and Workbook

What Your Child Will Learn

Students develop their language arts skills by writing:

- poetry
- creative writing paragraphs
- letters
- journal entries
- parts of speech (nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions)
- sentences
- punctuation and capitalization
- diagramming

Each story in the reading series is accompanied by a specific skill. We use workbook pages and classroom activities to practice skills including: compare and contrast, authors purpose, main idea, generalizing and drawing conclusions.

They practice verbal skills by:

- presenting information to the class (reports and skits)

Math

We enable our students to become proactive learners and problem solvers, since math is a gateway to science. A variety of methods and strategies are used to meet the variety of learning styles found in the classroom. This is achieved through manipulatives, whole class instruction, small group instruction, mental math practice, games of logic, note taking and daily work in *Simple Solutions*. Rocket math is also used in the classroom.



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Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Sadlier Math Textbook and workbook
- *Simple Solutions*

What Your Child Will Learn

Concepts taught include:

- addition and subtraction (within 1000) of multi-digit numbers, with and without regrouping
- multiplication and division (concepts and facts)
- number senses
- word problems
- geometry (two dimensional shapes)
- fractions (comparison, concepts and equivalences)
- pre-Algebra
- data

Science

Students will focus on lessons within the four main topics of science, life, Earth, physical and space and technology. Each unit is filled with chapters that will engage the student's vocabulary, directed inquiry, and how to read science and guided inquiry.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Scott Foresman Science
- Scholastic News supplements

What Your Child Will Learn

Students will become familiar with:

- using the scientific method
- experimentation
- STEM Activities
- life, Earth and physical science
- space and technology
- health

Social Studies

Students will engage in lessons and activities that will help them explore and understand communities, economics, heroes, and government.

What you will learn

- physical, human and cultural characteristics of community
- personal finances, the free enterprise system and entrepreneurs at work
- exploring heroes
- the three branches of government
- reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- design their own community



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Spanish

Students will be introduced to Spanish vocabulary and basic conversation.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- Supplemental teacher materials

What Your Child Will Learn

- Vocabulary
- Basic conversation
- Prayers– Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, and Hail Mary