

Curriculum Overview

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3rd Grade

Bible: (Purposeful Design) This Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him. Our students in 3rd grade memorize the books of the Bible. Our school has a school wide weekly memory verse that focusses on a Godly character trait. We also have a weekly chapel on Thursdays from 8:45-9:30 with worship and a message from Pastor Scotty Brown.

Math: (Big Ideas) Our curriculum teaches place value, multiplication, division and fractions by using manipulatives for an interactive approach to math. The educational materials for 3rd grade math develop computation and problem solving skills, reinforced by daily review sections. Students memorize their multiplication and division tables through the 12's family.

Reading: (BJU Press) Our reading contains developmentally appropriate selections from a variety of genres with a progression of difficulty in readability and skills to provide success for every student. Feature pages are included before and after selections to highlight literary skills, comprehension questions, and vocabulary. In addition to our curriculum we have daily AR time where students are given time to read and test on books at their personal reading level.

English: (BJU Press) The English program emphasizes traditional grammar as well as practice with vital reference skills and step-by-step use of the Writing Process for eight different types of writing assignments, such as game instructions, book reports, compare-contract essay, and more. The student worktext provides guided practice, independent practice, chapter reviews, and cumulative reviews.

Spelling: (Purposeful Design) Each week our students learn new words through phonics, word study, and writing activities. We discuss word meaning and study the basic rules of spelling. We give pretests midweek followed by a weekly test on Fridays.

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History: (BJU Press Heritage Studies) Our curriculum integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history. Beginning with the framework of God’s redemptive plan and then covers United States history from Native Americans to the Plymouth Colony – all from the perspective of a Christian worldview. The final chapter contrasts the past and the present, noting changes that have taken place in the way we live. Each chapter includes a poem, eye-catching artwork, maps, graphs, and photos, quick-check questions, and an extended hands-on activity to enhance learning.

Science: (BJU Press) We study God’s Creatures, Plants, Ecosystems, Forces, Soil, Rocks and Minerals, Weather, The Solar System, Cells, Tissues, Organs and Skin. We incorporate several hands-on projects and activities to reinforce many of our science units.

P.E.: Students will be able to participate in a Physical Education class once a week for a half hour.

Music Program: Students will attend Music Class once a week. They will be able to showcase all they learn in Music through our Christmas and Spring Performances!

Art: We incorporate meaningful art lessons to complement what we are learning in Bible, Heritage Studies and Science.

Technology: Technology is woven throughout every subject in various ways, whether to spice up a lesson, take a test or improve the children’s computer skills.

Library: Students attend library once a week.

Field Trips: We take the students to the movies, the museum, swimming, and outreach (singing for and visiting with elderly residents at a nursing home).

Students will memorize:

Weekly Bible Verses, Books of the Bible, Multiplication Tables, Pledge to the Bible, Pledge to the American Flag, Class Verse, Armor of God, Continents, Oceans