



Grade Three Curriculum 2015-2016

Religion

The religion text, *Faith First* by RCL(2007) is a spiral approach to learning our Catholic faith. The four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*- Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer – are taught and developed on every grade level. This ensures that the beliefs of our faith are introduced to and reinforced for the young people as they grow, develop, and mature in their faith.

Reading

Third grade uses the (2005) Mc Graw Hill reading series. The program provides students with the opportunity to strengthen basic decoding skills and enhance word skills. The expansion of vocabulary, the extension of word meanings, and structural analysis is stressed in daily lessons. Focus is placed on the development of good comprehension skills. This program provides many opportunities for skills to be introduced and reinforced.

English

The McGraw Hill Language Arts (2001) text is dedicated to creating effective communicators. Every unit begins with grammar lessons and activities that teach the students the principal rules and mechanics of the English language. These lessons give the students the tools they need to write effectively. Skills that are learned are constantly reviewed. Daily Oral Language is also incorporated into all areas of the English program. These lessons help reinforce prior grammatical instruction.

Writer's Workshop

Writer's Workshop is a framework for teaching writing. In Writer's Workshop, students write every day for real purposes about things that interest them. Students learn the craft of writing through practice, conferring and studying other student work. The students use the writing process that includes prewriting, writing, editing, revising and publishing.

Spelling

We currently are using the series McGraw Hill Spelling (2005). This series presents words that focus on phonetic elements, spelling patterns and high frequency words. It provides opportunities for daily independent practice. It also integrates writing and language arts into each lesson.

Math

The Pearson enVision Math Common Core (2015) offers the students a focused, coherent and rigorous curriculum. The series addresses Common Core rigor in a way that is easy for students to understand with problem based, interactive learning. In Grade 3, the focus is on developing understanding of multiplication and division, fractions especially unit fractions, the structure of rectangular arrays and of area, and describing and analyzing two-dimensional shapes.



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Social Studies

Communities MacMillan McGraw Hill (2009) The main topic for this text is communities. Each chapter deals with a particular topic about a community, such as; the geography, community changes, cultures, meeting needs and an entire chapter devoted to our state of Illinois. Map Skills are also an important part of this program.

Science

The Nancy Larson Science 3 (2014) allows children to study the world beyond their immediate environment as they study earth and space science. Lessons build upon one another with the understanding that different sciences are interrelated. Challenging and engaging content is reinforced through student booklets, experiment recording forms, data recording forms, lesson reviews, study guides, and other materials that enhance hands on learning and teaching.