



Pilgrim
Lutheran School

Third Grade

Highlights

INTRODUCTION

Third Grade Rocks!! Multiplication and math concepts to music! Award-winning literature engages the learner. The best informational texts drive instruction. Regular assessment monitors progress. Students develop Christ-like leadership through prayer, encouragement, mentoring, and practice. Academic and spiritual growth always flourishes in PLS's third grade!

Religion

Voyages is a Christ-centered curriculum, which emphasizes living the faith in everyday life. It is our hope that the students will grow in their desire to know God and live His way. Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible where students are able to comprehend the big picture of God's plan of salvation. Bible verses, songs, prayer and memory work are integral parts of their study. The course is a chronological study of Bible stories, beginning with the creation of all things by God. The lessons span the Biblical history from the Exodus through the formation of the early church and the beginning ministry of the Apostle Paul.

Reading / Literacy

The Houghton/Mifflin curriculum for third grade follows six strategies: predict, phonics, monitor/clarify, question, evaluate, and summarize. Two basal readers and a workbook help students practice these strategies to build vocabulary and comprehension. In addition, the reciprocal reading strategy is practiced during guided reading groups. Students also participate in Accelerated Reading in which they set reading goals and take comprehension quizzes on books they choose to meet these goals.

Science

The McGraw/Hill science curriculum features the life, earth and physical sciences. Content for these blend with appropriate activities. The activities are based on the scientific process. One of the science units, "Looking at Plants and Animals", investigates the similarities of plants and animals. The students observe the changes that occur in life of a meal worm. Students also learn the different stages of animal life from birth to death.

Math

The McGraw/Hill mathematics for grade three helps students develop proficiency in conceptual understanding, computational and procedural skills, and problem solving ability. Multiplication and division processes are introduced. Math facts are practiced using Kim Sutton's material including the use of music. Multiplication songs are taught to help remember the multiples from 2 through 9.

Social Studies

Scott/Foresman Communities, provides rich, comprehensive content; explicit reading and writing instruction that builds understanding. Third graders explore the general communities of our country and the world with emphasis on the people, the histories, the jobs, and the governments.

Experiences Include:

- Art Literacy
- Choir/Music Instruction (Winter & Spring programs)
- Field Day
- Field Trips- Pumpkin Patch, Zoo, Children's Theater
- Library/Computer Instruction
- National Lutheran School's Week
- P.E. Instruction
- School Wide Assemblies
- Science/Art/Social Studies/Literature/Math Fair (*Rotation*)
- Weekly Bonus Buck Activities
- Weekly Chapel
- Weekly Class Auction