



# Eastside Christian School

## ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

### THIRD GRADE OVERVIEW

**Classroom Structure:** Self-contained for core subjects and art. Specialists: art, music, physical education, and Spanish.

**Student/Teacher Ratio:** 18 (max) :1

**School Day** 8:40 am – 3:05 pm  
Lunch/recess 25 minutes plus 20 minutes  
Afternoon recess 20 minutes

### BIBLE and CHAPEL

### Third Grade

*Third Grade* BIBLE THEME: Christ and His Church

"Third-graders study the life of Christ, the book of Acts, and missions. As students are personally guided through the Gospels, they learn and apply principles from the messages, parables, miracles, and life events of Jesus. Moving into Acts, students see the building of God's Church as the Gospel spreads through the missionary journeys of Paul and through famous missionaries of history."

Chapel program includes weekly worship, exposure to Christian beliefs, and a focus on monthly character traits. Monthly participation in our ACTS program provides additional understanding of the character traits and a wonderful multi-age team-building experience.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

### Third Grade

Third grade teachers use the A Beka Reading/Language Program and Lucy Calkins for Writing.

Phonics/Reading/Spelling:

- Oral Reading Fluency
- Spelling List-Test
- Vocabulary Words-Definitions & Usage
- Accelerated Reader Quizzes
- Scripture Memorization

Language/Grammar:

- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Antonyms, Homonyms and Synonyms
- Simple Nouns, Subjects, Verbs & Adjectives

- Complete Sentences
- Word Usage Rules
- Plural and Common Contractions
- Dictionary Skills

Writing:

- Guided Creative Writing
- Writing Journals
- Short Stories, Essays & Letters
- Book Reports & Basic Research Paper
- Formal Paragraphs

## MATH

## Third Grade

Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions is used in third grade. The program uses a systematic step-by-step approach to developing mathematics concepts and skills. The focus on problem solving and reasoning provides opportunities for students to demonstrate and apply their understanding. This program is specifically in line with the National Math Council's principles and standards for school mathematics. Students receive independent practice for homework and have access to web-based enrichment activities.

Additional Math concept/skill strands:

- Intro to Multiplication and Division Facts
- Review Addition and Subtraction of Three-Digit Numerals
- Place Value
- Fractions and Decimals
- Time, Data, Measurement
- Using Maps & Grids
- Geometry
- Word Problems

## SOCIAL STUDIES

## Third Grade

Third grade teachers use the Abeka Social Studies series, *Our American Heritage*, as a base to create units based on concepts in the book. Formal studies are complemented by a variety of field trip opportunities.

Students learn and investigate the following integrated units:

- Continents and Oceans
- Land Forms
- American States & Capitals
- Women in History
- Exploration / Explorers – Christopher Columbus
- United States Presidents, Elections

- Map Skills
- African American History

## SCIENCE

## Third Grade

Third grade teachers use the Abeka Science & Health curriculum as a base to create units based on concepts in books.

Students have a natural, God-given inquisitiveness and curiosity about the universe. Purposeful Design Science capitalizes on that curiosity as it engages students in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. During the inquiry process, students acquire new information, gain understanding of research, and work together with other students to attain valuable skills for scientific study. A sampling of third grade science lab units follows:

- Skeletal System, Bones & Muscles
- Cleanliness & Manners
- Sun, Stars and Moon
- Magnetism, Electricity, Water (*Foss Kits*)
- Food Pyramid & Nutrition

## SPECIALISTS

## Third Grade

Third grade students are taught by specialists in the following areas:

**Music:** *30 minutes, once a week*

**Spanish** - *25 minutes, once a week*

**PE:** *30 minutes, four times a week*

**Art:** *40 minutes, every other week*