



Eastside Christian School

ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

THIRD GRADE OVERVIEW

Classroom Structure: Self-contained for core subjects. Specialists: art, music, PE, technology, and Spanish.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 18 students (max) : 1 teacher (+ aide for larger classes)

School Day	8:40 am – 3:20 pm
Morning recess	15 minutes (except for Chapel days) 25 minutes plus 25 minutes
Lunch/recess	minutes
Afternoon recess	15 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

Third-grade teachers use Savvas *enVision Mathematics*, which provides problem-based and visual learning that enables students to gain a deeper understanding of math concepts. The curriculum also offers built-in support for students who may need additional reinforcement, including differentiated lesson paths, visual models, targeted interventions and digital tools that adapt to individual learning levels.

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: 40 minutes, once a week

Spanish: 40 minutes, once a week

PE: 40 minutes, once a week

Art: 40 minutes, once a week

Technology: 40 minutes, once a week