

Grade 3 Curriculum Overview

RELIGION

- The church, its early beginning and its structure--the Trinity, Jesus as Son of God, the Holy Spirit and Heaven
- Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation
- The commandments
- The liturgical year
- Identify Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost
- Become familiar with the Bible
- Become acquainted with the stories of the miracles and the parables

MATHEMATICS

- Identify place value to thousands
- Read, write standard numerals to 1000
- Explain, solve basic multiplication facts
- Apply problem solving strategies
- Use standard, metric units
- Read, interpret graphs
- Add, subtract money through \$1.00
- Use hand calculators to solve problems
- Solve basic division facts
- Identify fractional parts

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading

- Enjoy listening to, reading from, talking about books--recognize, recall main idea, sequence
- Understand cause and effect in a story
- Apply what has been earned from a story to other situations
- Predict outcome

Writing

- Participate in activities which precede writing
- Write ideas with fluency, confidence
- Re-see own writing for unity
- Examine use of precise, descriptive words
- Reconstruct sentences for variety
- Go over final writing for correctness appropriate to grade level

Listening

- Use appropriate listening/responding behavior
- Recall, identify important details
- Follow oral directions

Speaking

- Tell stories, share experiences and ideas appropriately, clearly, audibly and expressively
- Ask appropriate questions, make comments relevant to topic
- Prepare, deliver oral presentations, speeches, reports, etc.

Study Skills

- Recognize and use various components of a book
- Alphabetize through third letter
- Use dictionary for word meanings and part-of-speech labels
- Summarize material

SCIENCE

- Animals, their young, stages of development
- Physical changes of matter
- Energy and work, different kinds of energy
- Use of various thermometers to measure heat
- Static electricity
- Parts of a circuit
- Magnetism
- Weather, Earth's revolution
- Water cycle
- Rocks, fossils, layers of earth
- Earthquakes, volcanoes, geysers
- Erosion, pollution and its effects on environment
- Gravity
- Solar system, satellites, constellations
- Current events in science
- Responsibilities as good stewards of Earth
- Recycling

SOCIAL STUDIES

K-3 geography is integrated in social studies. The emphasis is on location and place:

- Point out the North and South Poles, equator, Arctic and Antarctic Circles
- Use a map to point out the location of the community, state, country and continent relative to one another
- Locate places on a map which has a grid reference system
- Distinguish physical from people-made features using pictures, maps of communities, cities, countries, regions
- Discuss differences between a globe and a map

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