

Language Arts/Writing

The Language Arts Program includes reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well, and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas. The textbook used for reading is McGraw-Hill Wonders.

Readings/Literature-

Children through the series experience authentic literature in the form of poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, biographies, fantasies and plays. Reading fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills:

- Using phonetic and structural analysis
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary
- Understanding character, setting, and plot
- Drawing conclusions
- Making predictions
- Sequencing events of a story
- Summarizing
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Using graphic organizers
- Self-appraising and self-correcting while reading

Writing-

Third grade students use writing to convey meaning.

Students will:

- Write multiple sequential paragraphs on a given topic
- Apply spelling knowledge
- Apply grammar and mechanics
 - Parts of speech
 - Simple tenses
 - Punctuation
- Use the writing process including pre-writing, writing, revising, editing, and final draft
- Write in multiple forms
 - Guided writing
 - Friendly letters
 - Descriptive paragraphs
 - Narrative stories
 - Book Reviews

Math

Third grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills to solve problems through the use of the text McGraw-Hill My Math, extended activities, and hands on experiences.

Third grade math standards include:

- Identify place value in four digit numbers
- Use number line
- Add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Solve multiple step word problems
- Chart, compare and graph data
- Know multiplication and division facts
- Recognize fractional units
- Measure and compare units of length capacity and weight
- Identify patterns, using fact families
- Identify, classify, compare and describe characteristics of shapes

St. Mary of Gostyn School

Curriculum Guide

Grade 3



Social Studies

Third grade students develop an awareness of the world around them and how people affect their environment.

The focus will be Communities

- Native Americans
- Immigration
- Geography/Map skills
- Government - Federal, State, Local
- Economy

Religion

Third graders will learn through stories, activities, Scripture, prayer, discussion and reflection about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated not only in Religion, but in all learning.

The focus is on:

- God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
- Planning & assisting in the liturgies
- Service
- Liturgical seasons
- Lives of the saints
- Church as community

Spanish

The focus is on:

- History and geography of Latin America and Spain
- Grammar
- Conversation
- Good Spelling and pronunciation
- Begin Conjugating Verbs

Physical Education

In third grade, students learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle.

Students will:

- Maintain personal fitness
- Develop muscle strength, endurance and flexibility
- Use rules, safety and strategies of sports and games
- Demonstrate sportsmanship and participation in sports and games

Science

Students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning and explaining.

Students will:

- Collect and chart data
- Describe simple life cycles of plants, animals
- Recognize relationship of living things and their environment
- Identify physical properties of matter
- Describe features and processes of the Earth and its resources
- Identify force and motion
- Identify importance of Science

Art

In Art classes, the students will learn and work with different forms of media and techniques, studying artists while using their God-given talents.

The focus will be on:

- Use dimensions to draw a picture
- Art History

Technology

Third grade students will study, retain and use information from a variety of sources using electronic devices. Students use iPad devices in their classroom for technology integration throughout the 3rd grade curriculum.

Students will:

- Develop the ability to use [Google apps for Education](#)
- Demonstrate proper Internet etiquette
- Use appropriate software to present information in multimedia presentation
- Create concept maps and documents driven from literature as well as other subject areas.

Music

The student will be able to:

- Identify expressive musical qualities such as melody, harmony, rhythm, meter and pattern
- Clap and/or verbalize rhythms via standard musical notation including
- Count music in 4/4 time signature
- Demonstrate a broader understanding of music concepts presented in grades 1 and 2
- Distinguish between Major and minor modalities
- Accurately sing a variety of musical selections via the Christmas Program
- Emphasis is on standard music notation with a focus on rhythm and note identification in
- Preparation for playing recorders in grades 4 and 5