



3rd Grade Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Third Grade – Where Confidence, Curiosity, and Independence Thrive!

At St. Mark's, we understand that third graders are ready for greater responsibility and independence. Our academic program is designed to meet that need, fostering self-confidence through daily morning meetings and independent classroom activities that strengthen both community and study skills.

Students dive into exciting, abstract reading strategies, such as identifying themes, making inferences, and clarifying predictions. With captivating novels students explore deeper themes and gain a broader perspective on literature.

In writing, our students develop their voices, transitioning from paragraph writing to structured essays. As they learn to express themselves more clearly, they also cultivate enriched math skills—exploring multiplication and extending their problem-solving abilities.

Beyond the classroom, our students engage with the world around them through enriching field trips such as Lion Country Safari, where they bring their science lessons on ecosystems and habitats to life.

While third grade is a time of academic growth and challenge, we never forget that our students are still young children. We make time for fun and creativity with many fun traditions. Third graders embark on a musical journey as they learn to play the recorder,

mastering new skills and building confidence. They also have the exciting opportunity to join our chorus, where they can discover the joy of performing and collaborating with their peers. Special moments in third grade create lasting memories for our students and make their experience at St. Mark's truly unforgettable.

Area of Development	Key Learning Activities
Language Arts	Reading: • Comprehension: Understanding And Interpreting Texts, Identifying Main Ideas, And Summarizing Content • Vocabulary: Using Context Clues To Determine Word Meanings And Expanding Word Knowledge • Fluency: Reading With Expression, Accuracy, And Appropriate Speed • Text Analysis: Comparing And Contrasting Texts, Identifying Story Elements (Characters, Setting, Plot) • Inference: Making Predictions And Drawing Conclusions Based On Text Evidence Writing: • Paragraph Structure: Writing Clear Paragraphs With A Topic Sentence, Supporting Details, And A Conclusion • Narrative Writing: Crafting Stories With A Clear Sequence Of Events And Character Development • Informative Writing: Producing Informative Texts With Facts, Explanations, And Logical Organization • Opinion Writing: Formulating And Supporting Personal Opinions With Reasons And Evidence • Editing And Revising: Improving Writing Through Self-Assessment And Peer Feedback, Focusing On Grammar, Spelling, And Punctuation
Math	• Counting, Estimating, And Rounding • Work With Multi-Digit Numbers & Decimals • Roman Numerals, Graphs, And Data • Ordered Pairs, Simple Functions, Probability

	• Shapes & Geometry (Perimeter, Area, Symmetry, Triangles, Polygons) • Multiplication And Division Facts • Problem Solving Strategies
Science	• Force • Patterns Of Motion • Electric And Magnetic Interactions • Life Cycles • Fossils • Heredity: Inheritance And Variation Of Traits • Interdependent Relationships In Ecosystems • Weather And Climate
Social Studies	• Geography: Continents, Oceans, Hemispheres, And Map Skills • Understanding Communities (First U.S. Communities, Rural, Urban, Suburban) • Explore Customs, Culture, And American Symbols
Spanish	• Build Vocabulary (Greetings, Time, Animals, Colors, Classroom Objects, Places) • Grammar And Sentence Formation • Culture And Dialogue
Enrichment Classes	• Christian Education • Art • Physical Education • Music • Library • STEAM • Character Education