



Grace Academy

Third Grade Curriculum Guide

BIBLE

- A. Curriculum
 - Association of Christian Schools International
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Life of Christ/Gospels
 - 2. Book of Acts – building of God’s Church & Paul’s missionary journey
 - 3. Missions
 - 4. Application of the Word and works of God

ENGLISH

- A. Curriculum
 - Rod & Staff
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Capitalization, punctuation, forming plurals
 - 2. Creative writing – friendly letters, thank you letters, homonyms, synonyms
 - 3. Write book reports
 - 4. Keep a journal
 - 5. Word and dictionary usage, noun and verb usage
 - 6. Parts of speech
 - 7. Think in a logical orderly manner

HANDWRITING

- A. Curriculum
 - A Reason for Handwriting
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Demonstrate correct pencil and paper positions
 - 2. Review letter formation: proper slant, correct size, spacing and smooth connecting strokes
 - 3. Writing Bible verses in cursive

HISTORY

- A. Curriculum
Bob Jones University Press
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Pilgrims, explorers, colonists and the globe
 - 2. Beginning history concepts and geography skills
 - 3. The development of American culture, Indian life, and colonial life
 - 4. The basics of the physical and political geography of early America
 - 5. The foundations of the United States government, and the Constitution

MATH

- A. Curriculum
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Learning the fundamentals of traditional arithmetic
 - 2. Mastering multiplication & division tables
 - 3. Solve story problems
 - 4. Solve measurement problems
 - 5. Recognize the place value of numbers
 - 6. Know addition facts and be able to work and check addition problems with carrying
 - 7. Know subtraction facts and be able to work and check subtraction problems with borrowing
 - 8. Master addition and subtraction facts
 - 9. Know English and metric measures
 - 10. Tell time
 - 11. Recognize Roman numerals
 - 12. Recognize and solve simple equations
 - 13. Convert measures and solve measurement equations
 - 14. Recognize and work with greater than (>) and less than (<)
 - 15. Count money and solve money problems
 - 16. Read a thermometer
 - 17. Know fraction terminology and have a basic understanding of fractions

READING

- A. Curriculum
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Reading aloud – with accuracy: pronouncing words clearly and correctly; and with expression: having good voice inflection
 - 2. Comprehension: showing by expression and ability to answer questions. A good understanding of the selection being read
 - 3. Review phonics
 - 4. Reading chapter books

SCIENCE

- A. Curriculum
 - Bob Jones University Press
- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Studying the universe: illustrations of God's wisdom, omnipotence, sovereignty, and benevolence
 - 2. Earth science: the study of rocks, minerals, soil, and the solar system
 - 3. Life sciences: birds, cells, tissues, organs, animals with and without backbones, and the human skin
 - 4. Physical science: the motion of work and the energy (sound) of the ear

SPELLING

- A. Curriculum
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- B. The following skills and concepts will be taught:
 - 1. Practice in writing dictated sentences
 - 2. Dictionary and writing skills and word usage skills

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

- A. Music Appreciation

Music instruction is an important part of our program. The love for singing and the appreciation of music is emphasized in music class. They perform concerts each year where they learn to share the "song in their hearts". A basic foundation of music and love for music is emphasized.
- B. Computers

Computers are a part of our school program, using tools such as educational software to develop familiarity with the computer and keyboarding skills. Progression of these skills is emphasized in each grade level.
- C. Physical Education

In providing a well-rounded program, P.E. is offered one day each week, teaching the students activities that encourage coordination, cooperation and problem-solving as well as plenty of exercise.

D. Spanish

Students are introduced to the Spanish language as they begin learning common words and phrases. Lessons emphasize development of vocabulary, listening comprehension and verbal communication skills.

E. Art

Students are introduced to the world of art as they beginning drawing using basic shapes (circle, straight line, rectangle, etc.). They also learn about pattern, texture, and color using a variety of mediums. These skills are developed throughout the years as they create various art projects. Students enjoy their time in this enrichment class.

F. Library

Students are introduced to elements of the library system, with increasing research skill progression in subsequent grade levels. Students are able to check out books each week. Family members are all welcome to use the library!