



# Memorial Christian Academy

Educating Minds, Experiencing God, Expecting Excellence

## THIRD GRADE

### **Bible**

In third grade, the focus of the Bible study is on biblical rules through a chronological and thematic study with an emphasis on life application. Students will also study Bible characters including Cain, Abel, Seth, Job, Lot's wife, Korah, Elijah, Jesus, the apostles, Peter, Philip, and Paul and his coworkers. Themes include sin and salvation, purity, life of Christ, willingness, friendships, obeying authorities, cooperation, dedication, and thankfulness. Special lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are included.

Textbook: BJU Bible Truths 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

### **English Language Arts Reading**

#### **Reading**

The focus of reading in third grade includes vocabulary knowledge and skills (analogies, idioms, context clues, multi-meaning words, connotation/ denotation); comprehension strategies (predictions, text features, summary, author's purpose, repair strategies, drawing conclusions); constructing meaning (details, context clues, fact/opinion, main idea; organizational structure (cause/effect, sequencing, compare/contrast); literary elements (setting, plot, characterization, theme, narrator, point of view); genre characteristics (fiction/non-fiction, reality/fantasy, genre characteristics); author's choices (literary devices, sensory detail, figurative language) and analyzing argument and evaluating text.

Textbook: Teacher developed units; novel sets

#### **Language**

Punctuation and capitalization rules; recognition of simple nouns, subjects, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions; word usage; forming plurals and common contractions; recognition of antonyms, homonyms, synonyms; dictionary skills, and glossary skills; writing original paragraphs, stories, graphic organizers, summarizing exercises, journal entries; creative writing prompts; research reports

Textbook: ABEKA

#### **Spelling**

In third grade, students will have 32 weekly word lists consisting of words frequently used in writing: pattern words and irregular spelling words using an interactive study method and a weekly review of word patterns. The word lists develop phonics generalizations; vowel patterns: short and long vowels, *r*-influence vowels, diphthongs; consonant patterns: consonants, consonant blends and digraphs, soft *c*, soft *g*, silent consonants; two-syllable words ending in *le*, *er*, *y*, and

reliable patterns; structural generalizations; compound words; contractions; suffixes such as *s, es, ed, ing, er, est*; suffix rules to include no change to the base word, double the final consonant, and drop the final *e*, and change the *y* to *i*. Students will also classify words based on shared features; make new words by adding or omitting letters; complete phonics and structural analysis activities; and determine word-meaning activities: contexts, definitions, synonyms, antonyms, and homophones. Students also begin working on proofreading and dictionary skills and sentence dictation.

Textbook: BJU Spelling 3 (3rd ed.)

## **Math**

The focus of mathematics in third grade is to deepen students understanding of place value by applying it to addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and decimals. Students' knowledge of division, fractions, geometry, and measurement will also be strengthened. Students will begin to realize math is a tool and God in his infinite wisdom designed the world with many examples of mathematics. Students are also to achieve automaticity of multiplication facts (0-12) and division facts (0-5). Students are able to fluently solve 1-step word problems and gain greater confidence in solving 2-step word problems.

Textbook: BJU Math 3 (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)

## **Science**

Topics to be introduced in third grade science include general science (process skills, scientific tools, scientific method), earth science (rocks, minerals, soil, weather, and the solar system); life science (cold-blooded and warm-blooded animals, ecosystems, plants, cells); human body (ear, skin); and physical science (motion, sound, and matter).

Textbook: BJU Science 3

## **Social Studies/History**

In Grade 3, students learn how diverse individuals have changed their communities and world. Students study the effects inspiring heroes have had on communities, past and present. Students learn about the lives of heroic men and women who made important choices, overcame obstacles, sacrificed for the betterment of others, and embarked on journeys that resulted in new ideas, new inventions, new technologies, and new communities. Students expand their knowledge through the identification and study of people who made a difference, influenced public policy and decision making, and participated in resolving issues that are important to all people. Throughout Grade 3, students develop an understanding of the economic, cultural, and scientific contributions made by individuals.

Textbooks: Pearson My World 2013 ed.