

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Children learn about the many types and sizes of communities found in different geographic regions. Map skills are developed as students explore their world. Note-taking and test-taking skills help to prepare them for the future.

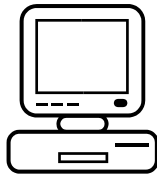


## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Teamwork, fair play, constructive competition, and leadership are stressed. Locomotor and non-locomotor skills are reviewed and reinforced. All students participate in the Presidential Fitness Program.

## **COMPUTERS**

Third grade students use the keyboarding program "All the Right Type." They apply keyboarding and basic word-processing skills to complete reports and projects. Software programs are used to reinforce language arts, math, science, and problem solving skills.



## **MUSIC**

Our third graders grow in their understanding of musical rhythm, pitch, and tempo. The children sing hymns, patriotic, and holiday songs, participating in class, chapel, and church services. The Advent worship service and the middle grades' operetta offer special musical selections for this choral group.



## **ART**

The focus of art at this level is on the process, appreciating the skills of each one and encouraging pride in doing one's best. Opportunities to work with pencils and crayons, markers and paint, clay and plaster, tissue and construction paper are provided. Krasl Art Center offers hands-on classes for a nominal fee. These offer slide/history presentations, guided gallery tours, and art projects.



# ***Trinity Lutheran School***

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## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum***



## ***Our Mission Statement:***

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

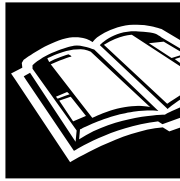
## RELIGION

Students travel through the Biblical accounts of the Old and New Testament in the *Voyages* text. They use their new NIV Bibles. Together we see how God unfolds His plan of salvation. We praise Him for the gift of His Son, our Savior, and for the promise of life forever with Him in heaven. Their memory work program includes Bible verses, hymns, and portions of Luther's Small Catechism.



## READING

In third grade, children read many types of literature using the text, trade books, and publications. Strategies are used to improve word recognition and increase comprehension. Fiction and non-fiction, poetry, and plays, are read aloud to stimulate thinking and discussion, to model fluency, to inform, and/or to entertain. Students are encouraged to participate in the BOOK\*IT program from October to March.



## ENGLISH



Instruction in capitalization, punctuation, and grammatical structure is intended to improve students' oral and written communication.

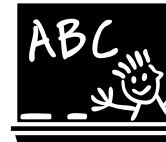
Activities include six week-long writing assignments, an oral biographical presentation, a science report, and creation of a poetry anthology.

## HANDWRITING

Continuing with the D'Nealian method, third graders work to improve the legibility of their cursive writing. Review of upper case, lower case, and letter joinings are practiced, applied and evaluated. Students use cursive writing consistently beginning in the second quarter.

## SPELLING

The third graders study the spelling of words directly and indirectly. There is a spelling list connected to the reading/writing unit each week. The use of dictionary skills is expected to present good spelling in written work.



## MATH

*Everyday Mathematics* is used in the third grade. The basic addition and subtraction facts are reviewed. Then emphasis is placed on memorizing the multiplication facts.

Practice is given in reading and constructing charts, measuring with customary and metric systems, fractions, and decimals, and using geometrical forms.



Math Boxes reinforce calendar and time-telling skills, money, number patterns, and problem solving ability. With each lesson the students have a HOME LINK. It is designed to reinforce the day's lesson as the child shares it with the parent.

## SCIENCE

The science program focuses on life science, earth science, and physical science. Studies include plants and animals, matter and energy, force and motion, and rocks and minerals. Students study vocabulary and content material and are given opportunities to demonstrate knowledge individually, as well as in groups.

