

3rd Grade Course Goals

- Bible:** Students will learn Bible truths through the telling of the stories of the Old and New Testaments. They will begin to problem-solve in their own lives by following the examples of the faithful men and women in the Bible
- Social Studies:** Third Grade Social Studies surveys American history from a Christian perspective through biographies of great Americans. The emphasis is on patriotism, character development, and the variety of contributions by Americans to this country.
- Language Arts:** This course will teach grammar and develop writing skills using the writing process. In addition, students will improve spelling by applying spelling rules and expand dictionary skills. Students will build reading comprehension, grow in phonics skills, and apply character-building stories based on biblical truth to their lives.
- Mathematics:** Third Grade Arithmetic lays a solid foundation for higher level math by student's mastery of basic math facts and skills. It gives students useful tools for problem solving, measurement, and basic algebra. In addition, the Bible-based approach to word problems helps build strong Christian character.
- Science:** Third Grade Science weaves together the wonders of the created world and a biblical worldview. It engages students in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. Students will gain a confident understanding of challenging topics, including atoms, energy, matter, plants, animals, the human body, earth features, and space.
- Spanish:** Third Grade Spanish course is designed to develop communicative competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing Spanish. This course will focus on essential vocabulary and structures while practicing different language skills. Students will be able to communicate, build vocabulary, structure the language and enhance Hispanic cultural awareness.
- Computer:** Computer lab lessons are designed to teach students about the use of technology. Students will use a variety of applications throughout the year. Applications and topics of study include: *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Power Point*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Microsoft Paint*, computer awareness, internet safety and searches, keyboarding, and how to run age-appropriate software. In order to create the most effective learning environment for the students, lessons are integrated with classroom units to enhance learning in the core subject areas as well.
- Music:** Music class is for learning about music, enjoying singing as a class, playing group and solo recorder as an instrumental introduction, and participation in school-wide programs.
- Physical Education:** In Physical Education, students acquire the knowledge and skills for movement that provide the foundation for enjoyment, continued social development through physical activity, and access to a physically-active lifestyle. The student exhibits a physically-active lifestyle and understands the relationship between physical activity and health throughout the lifespan. In Grades 3-5, students continue to develop strength, endurance, and flexibility. Students can demonstrate mature form in fundamental locomotor and manipulative skills and can often maintain that form while participating in dynamic game situations. Identifying personal fitness goals for themselves and beginning to understand how exercise affects different parts of the body is an important part of the instructional process. In Grade 3, students begin to learn and demonstrate more mature movement forms. Students also learn age-specific skills and the health benefits of physical activity. Students begin to learn game strategies, rules, and etiquette.

3rd Grade Curriculum

Language Arts (A Beka, BJUP, ACSI):

Phonics and Reading

Review of all phonics rules

Oral reading

Reading comprehension

Cursive Writing

Review of cursive writing formation 3/4-space high

Creative writing

Spelling and Poetry

Weekly phonics-based word list with vocabulary

Sentence dictation using spelling words

Reinforcement activities

Language

Writing Process

Complete sentences

Punctuation and capitalization rules

Creative writing, friendly letters

Grammar

Recognition of simple nouns, subjects, verbs, adjectives

Word usage

Forming plurals and common contractions

Recognition of antonyms, homonyms, synonyms

Dictionary skills

Social Studies (A Beka):

Continents and oceans of the world

Study of world geography

States of the United States

Study of our American heritage through the lives of great people

Columbus

John Smith

Pocahontas

Miles Standish

Squanto

William Penn

Ben Franklin

George Washington

Thomas Jefferson

Daniel Boone

Noah Webster

John Greenleaf Whittier

Robert E. Lee

Abraham Lincoln

Clara Barton

U. S. Grant

Louisa May Alcott

Booker T. Washington

George Washington Carver

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Billy Sunday

Science (ACSI):

Life Science

Ecosystems

Life of Plants

Plant Variety

Physical Science

Matter

Motion and Force

Electricity

Magnets

Human Body

Musculoskeletal System

Nervous System

Health

Earth and Space

Rocks and Soils

Earth's Surface

Changes in the Earth's Surface

The Solar System

Stars and Constellations

Math (A Beka):

Recognition of the place value of numbers

Addition facts and checking addition problems with carrying

Subtraction facts and checking subtraction problems with borrowing

Multiplication tables 0–12 and multiplication problems with carrying

How to show a multiplication fact six ways

Division tables 1–12 and working and checking a division problem

Terminology for four processes

English and metric measures

Telling time

Roman numerals 1–1,000

Using a ruler

Solving story problems with up to four steps

Recognizing and solving number sentences

Converting measures and solving measurement equations

Recognizing and working with greater than (>) and less than (<)

Counting money and solving money problems using the decimal point correctly

Solving problems containing parentheses

Fraction terminology and basic understanding of fractions

Averaging numbers

Reading a thermometer

Recognizing geometric shapes

Finding the unknown number in an equation

Bible (A Beka):

Lessons such as Salvation Series, Parables, Samuel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (includes memory verses and Bible doctrine)



Spanish (McGraw Hill - Glencoe)

Introduction to Spanish
Vocabulary / sentence structure
Understand the culture.
Alphabet pronunciation
Colors
Food groups
Names and Greetings
Feelings
Numbers 1-100
Classroom objects
Colors and shapes
Identify shapes
Calendar
Singular and plural
Days of the week, months
Classes at school
Weather / Seasons
Family members

BJUP – Bob Jones University Press

ACSI – Association of Christian Schools International