



## Academic Overview – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Bible:** Students will study the plan of salvation through The Salvation Series and the lives of Daniel and Joseph. Seasonal lessons at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are included. Scripture passages are studied daily with monthly memorization challenges.

Textbook: *Growing with God*. Purposeful Design

### Language Arts

**Writing:** Students will study grammar to express themselves clearly and creatively in their communication with others, think in a logical and orderly manner, and develop analytical ability. Units include: Punctuation, plurals, word usage, diagramming sentences, parts of the sentence, letter writing and journaling

**Reading:** Students will develop oral reading skills and polish comprehension skills. SRA reading labs are part of the lessons. Comprehension is developed through classroom discussion and questioning and various kinds of book reports (projects, dress -up, written, oral).

Textbook: *Read and Think Skill Sheets and Language 3*. A Beka

Readers include: *Footprints, Treat Shop, Crossroads, Paths to Follow, Secret in the Maple Tree, Better Bridges, and Pilgrim's Progress*. A Beka

**Spelling:** Spelling is taught using a word study approach. Students are assessed at the beginning of the year and then again mid-year to determine their developmental level in spelling. Spelling lists are then formulated based on the students' needs; weekly lists focus on a combination of phonetic patterns as well as high frequency words so that students can apply spelling skills to their writing.

**Handwriting:** Students will improve penmanship (cursive), creative writing, and dictionary skills through daily instruction and practice.

Textbook: *Cursive Writing Skill Book: Writing with Phonics*. A Beka

**Math:** Students will explore mathematical facts and concepts at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level of addition and subtraction. Including: multiplication facts 1-12 and multiplication of 1 digit x 2 digit; division; rounding to the nearest ten or hundred; using picture and bar graphs; modeling with arrays; relating multiplication and division; dividing by 2-9; fractions: compare and equivalent; time; length; liquid; volume and mass.

Textbook: Under review

**Science:** The purpose of Exploring God's World is to stimulate students' interest in Science through a study of the wonders of Creation. Students will enjoy studying about cold and warm blooded animals, plants, ecosystems, sound, energy, soil, rocks and minerals.

Textbook: *Science 3*. BJU

**Social Studies:** Students will survey American history in a Christian perspective through biographies of great Americans. The emphasis is on patriotism, character development, and the variety of

contributions made by Americans to their country.

Textbook: *Our American Heritage*. A Beka

**Enrichment Classes:** Music, Art, Spanish, Computer, P.E., Library

**Special Activities and Field Trips:**

- Science Notebook
- Crabtree Falls Hike
- New Market Battlefield
- Shenandoah Caverns
- Monticello
- History Field Trip through Rockingham Co.
- The Famous Third Grade Sleepover
- Kindergarten Reading Buddies
- Regional Opportunities: ACSI Music Festival, Math Olympics, Spelling Bee