

Trinity Lutheran School, Burr Ridge, Illinois

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – THIRD GRADE

*The Third Grade curriculum incorporates state learning standards and Trinity's distinctive mission.
Trinity provides a quality, accredited education in a loving, Christian environment.*

Religion

Identify the Holy Spirit as God who works faith in our hearts and makes us God's children
Explain that because we are sinful, we all deserve eternal death in hell
Talk about how God has broken down the wall created by sin which separated us from Him
Confess specific sins to God daily and pray for strength to overcome sin
Explain that salvation through faith in Christ is the main theme of the Bible
Explain that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Word are three special ways God comes to people to make them strong in the faith
Find passages in the Bible using chapter and verse, and read from the Bible
Identify Jesus as the Bible's main character
Explain that the Holy Spirit inspired Scripture and reveals its meaning to us today
Talk together about situations that cause anxiety and worry and tell one another of Jesus' love
Express a decreasing fear of death because we look forward to being with Jesus in heaven
Ask the Holy Spirit to give a stronger faith, help in understanding God's Word, and power to serve others
Pray simple prayers
Say the creed meaningfully
Identify worship as response to what God has done for us and explain the meaning and significance of many physical aids to worship in the church building
Tell friends why we are happy to know Jesus
List and carry out plans for careful use of things God has given us, including our bodies

Mathematics

Perform the computations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using whole numbers, integers, fractions, decimals
Understand and use ratios and percentages
Make and use measurements, including those of

Math CONTINUED

area and volume
Identify, analyze and solve problems using algebraic equations, inequalities, functions and their graphs
Understand and apply geometric concepts and relations in a variety of forms
Understand and use methods of data collection and analysis, including tables, charts and comparisons.
Use mathematical skills to estimate, approximate, and predict outcomes, and to judge reasonableness of results

Language Arts

Read, comprehend, interpret, evaluate and use written material
Listen critically and analytically
Write Standard English in a grammatical, well-organized and coherent manner for a variety of purposes.
Use spoken language effectively in formal and informal situations to communicate ideas and information and to ask and answer questions.
Understand the various forms of significant literature representative of different cultures, eras and ideas
Understand how and why language functions and evolves

Science

Concepts and basic vocabulary of biological, physical and environmental sciences and their application to life and work in the contemporary technological society
Social and environmental implications and limitations of technological development
Principles of scientific research and their application in simple research projects
The processes, techniques, methods, equipment and available technology of science

Social Studies

Understand and analyze comparative political and economic systems, with an emphasis on the political and economic systems of the United States

Understand and analyze events, trends, personalities, and movements shaping the history of the world, the United States, and Illinois

Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts of the social sciences and how these help to interpret human behavior

Demonstrate knowledge of world geography with emphasis on that of the United States

Apply the skills and knowledge gained in the social sciences to decision making in life situations

Spanish

Recite Spanish alphabet and identify colors

Recite the numbers from 1-100 in Spanish

Learn and use greetings and simple sentences

Learn vocabulary including days of the week, months, foods, animals, household rooms and items, and school and classroom items

Learn about Spanish traditions and holidays

Computer Technology

Identify computer hardware components

Increase familiarity of keyboard

Learn computer advantages and limitations

Write sentences in word processing

Music

Describe the unique characteristics of music

Understand the principal sensory, formal, technical, and expressive qualities of music

Identify processes and tools required to produce music.

Demonstrate basic skills to participate in the creation and/or performance of music

Identify significant works in music from major historical periods and how they reflect societies, cultures, civilizations past and present

Art

Learn elements of design

Describe the unique characteristics of visual art

Develop skills in basic techniques using a variety of media: pencil, watercolor, marker, tempera

Physical Development and Health

Understand the physical development, structure, and functions of the human body

Understand the principles of nutrition, exercise, efficient management of emotional stress, positive self-concept development, drug use and abuse, and the prevention and treatment of illness

Demonstrate basic skills and physical fitness necessary to participate in a variety of conditioning exercises or leisure activities such as sports and dance

Plan a personal physical fitness and health program

Perform a variety of complex motor activities

Demonstrate a variety of basic life-saving activities

Peaceable School Program

Participate in weekly class meetings to learn new strategies for problem solving using I-messages, identifying peace-making and peace-breaking behavior, and positive reinforcement

Service Learning

Participate in class service projects and individual service hours for the church and the community

Extra-Curricular Enhancement

Participate in Science Fair project and individual project (every other year).

Develop a Fine Arts Fair project or performance (every other year).

Participate in Public Speaking Contest*

Participate in Basketball and Volleyball Clinics*
*-Optional Participation

Piano/other instrument lessons offered at Trinity through Allegro Music (*additional fee*)

This is an overview and not an exhaustive list of the concepts covered throughout the school year. If you have any question regarding our curriculum, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Trinity's principal at 708.839.1444.