

OUR LADY OF PEACE THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

Religion

OLP third graders will learn through stories, activities, Scripture, prayer, discussion, and reflection about their Catholic faith. Catholic values are discussed and integrated not only in Religion, but in all learning. The focus is on:

- The Holy Trinity
- The sacraments
- Lives of Saints
- Church as a community
- Service

Our religion text is *Blest Are We* published by RCL Benziger.

Language Arts/Reading

Our Language Arts Program includes reading, writing, speaking, listening, and the study of literature. The components of the program emphasize the development of those skills that allow students to read with fluency, comprehend and interpret written materials, communicate well and listen and speak effectively. The skills acquired and understood are applied and reinforced in all content areas. The textbooks used is Scott Foresman *Reading Street Common Core*.

Writing

- 3-5 paragraph essays - informational, narrative, and persuasive

Reading/Literature

Our children experience authentic literature in the form of poetry, folktales, nonfiction, fiction, biographies, fantasies, and plays.

- Group novel studies

Reading fluency will develop and improve as students are presented with the following skills:

- Using phonetic and structural analysis
- Using word identification strategies
- Developing vocabulary
- Understanding character, setting
- Drawing conclusions
- Making predictions
- Sequencing events of a story
- Distinguishing fact from fantasy
- Using graphic organizers
- Self-appraising and self-correcting while reading
- Using a dictionary
- Accelerated Reading program

Writing

Third grade students use writing to convey meaning. Students will:

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- Write legibly using cursive
- Write multiple sequential sentences on a given topic
- Apply spelling rules
- Apply grammar and mechanics
- Use the writing process
- Write in multiple forms

Listening/Speaking

Third grade students will listen for understanding, follow directions, respond appropriately to the speaker. Students will use acquired language and vocabulary to express opinions. They will:

- Present material orally
- Participate in small and large group discussions
- Demonstrate listening skills by asking questions, paraphrasing, and restating

Technology/Reference Skills

Third grade students will study, retain, and use information from a variety of sources and build Google platform skills. Students will:

- Use electronic and print reference materials
- Combine text and clip art to create a product
- Print
- Understand and develop a basic database
- Use Microsoft Office
- Khan Academy

Mathematics

Third grade students acquire a knowledge of mathematics and the ability to apply math skills to solve problems through the use of the text *My Math* by McGraw Hill incorporating the Common Core Standards.

- Solve multiple-step word problems
- Know multiplication and division facts
- Recognize fractional units
- Identify patterns, using fact families
- Geometry
- Measurement and graphing

Science

OLP students use concrete, hands-on experiences to understand science in the physical and natural world around them. They learn through observing, predicting, questioning, and explaining. Students will:

- Collect and chart data
- Describe simple life cycles of plants, animals
- Recognize relationships of living things and their environment
- Rube Goldberg: Robots, simple machines

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Social Studies

In Social Studies through the study of Chicago, the text *Communities* and *Scholastic News* will help students gain a better understanding of the world around them. Students will:

- Work with data
- Interpret maps, charts, and graphs
- Locate information in text
- Research information
- Expand vocabulary
- Google maps for virtual tours

Homework: Third grade students will be assigned homework as needed for practice and reinforcement as well as completion of special projects. Independent reading and daily practice of math facts are expected.