

3rd Grade Course Descriptions

Bible

Text: Bible Flash-A-Card Series by A Beka Publishers

Bible time is the most important time in the school day. The A Beka Bible curriculum uses successful methods for presenting the Bible through the telling of stories of the Old and New Testaments. Bible time includes the pledge to the American flag, Christian flag and the Bible, as well as songs, memory verses, prayer time, and the Bible lesson.

Math

Text: Math 3 by Saxon Publishers

Saxon Math 3 is a success oriented program. It is the Saxon philosophy that mathematics builds on prior learning. In Math 3, new learning is presented in increments, with time to provide between increments for practice.

Third graders learn the fundamentals of traditional arithmetic. The greatest emphasis is on mastering the multiplication and division facts with reviewing of addition and subtraction facts. The students also learn how to solve story problems with more than one step and how to solve measurement problems. The classes include daily fact sheets and worksheets and weekly tests.

Phonics/Language

Text: Language 3 by A Beka Books

Language is an introduction to English. Students learn the basics of capitalization, punctuation, forming plurals, noun and verb usage, synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms, etc. Students also have the opportunity to apply what they are learning in English to creative writing.

History

Text: Our American Heritage by A Beka Book

Our American Heritage surveys American History from a Christian perspective through the biographies of great Americans. The emphasis is on patriotism, character development, and the variety of contributions made by Americans to this country. In history, the students learn about people in America who have helped to make our country great, including Benjamin Franklin, Pocahontas, George Washington Carver, and authors like Laura Ingalls Wilder. Geographically, students learn the locations of all fifty states.

Writing

Text: The Cursive Writing Skill Book by A Beka Books

Students will practice correct formation, spacing, letter size, slant, and proportion as well as overall neatness and good appearance. Although the cursive skill book is primarily a penmanship workbook, it also gives students opportunity to improve their skills in phonics, creative writing, reading comprehension, dictionary usage, nature study, coloring and the reading of charts.

Reading

Text: Reading 3 by A Beka Books

Third Grade reading instruction incorporates oral class reading and homework reading. The A Beka Book curriculum utilizes the phonetic approach in teaching students to read. Students will build and polish their reading skills.

Computer

This course is designed to introduce the hardware of computers and mouse controlled games. It allows the students to become familiar with the computer by "hands-on" involvement.

Elementary Music

Students will learn the basics of music. This includes steady beat, pitch, principles of rhythm, and basic music theory. They will learn to play rhythm instruments, and upper grades will learn the recorder. Students will prepare a Christmas program, and older students will prepare for T.A.C.S. Competition.

Physical Education

We believe that many healthy habits are developed as children. The students will participate in activities that are team-sport oriented. A Christ-like attitude and good sportsmanship is emphasized. A sense of fairness and competition is accentuated.

Science

Text: Exploring God's World by A Beka Book

Beginning with creation, the third graders learn about the human body with an emphasis on the sense organs and how they work. Student then explore the world of plants and later the world of animals. Students will study the ocean, desert, pond, forest, and field from a Christian perspective.

Spelling

Text: Spelling Grade Three by ACSI

Spelling is important because it is a tool of written communication and it is a part of all academic areas. ACSI Spelling teaches phonetic analysis of spelling words and groups together words using the same phonetic sounds. Students will learn one spelling lesson of twenty words each week.

Health

*Text: Health, Safety, and Manners by
A Beka Books*

The students will learn how to care for their bodies, posture, personal hygiene, exercise, and nutrition.