

# Third Grade Curriculum Overview

Our academic experience meets the greater responsibility and independence our third grade students crave. Increasing confidence is built through daily morning meetings and independent classroom activities that promote both community and study skills.

These study skills are applied to more abstract reading strategies, such as identifying theme, making context-based inferences, and clarifying predictions. Novels, including *The Promise* and *The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates*, add depth and complexity. In addition, continuing to decode words and spell through phonemic awareness is essential to expanding vocabulary and strengthening reading comprehension. Writing skills grow from paragraph writing to structured essay writing with a greater emphasis on each student developing a signature voice. Students cultivate sophistication in their math abilities with their introduction to multiplication and extension of problem solving. Field trips to Lion Country Safari and the Everglades enrich the science curriculum on ecosystems and habitats.

While students experience a strong academic transition in third grade, their teachers understand they are still young children. Building gingerbread houses at Christmas and a visit from the leprechauns on St. Patrick's day create memories for students throughout their years at St. Mark's.

	Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spell and Decode Using Word Patterns</li> <li>• Read a Variety of Genres               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Author's Purpose</li> <li>○ Context Clues</li> <li>○ Text Connections</li> <li>○ Main Idea &amp; Supporting Details</li> <li>○ Summarization</li> <li>○ Predictions</li> <li>○ Inferences</li> <li>○ Theme</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sentence Types</li> <li>• Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, and Adverbs</li> <li>• Punctuation</li> <li>• Contractions</li> <li>• Homophones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counting, Estimating, and Rounding</li> <li>• Multi-Digit Numbers</li> <li>• Add and Subtract Decimals</li> <li>• Roman Numerals</li> <li>• Graphs and Data</li> <li>• Ordered Pairs</li> <li>• Simple Functions</li> <li>• Probability</li> <li>• Perimeter and Area</li> <li>• Triangles, Quadrilaterals, Polygons and Circles</li> <li>• Symmetry</li> <li>• Multiply and Divide One Digit Numbers</li> <li>• Problem Solving Strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seasons and Weather</li> <li>• Planets and the Solar System</li> <li>• Constellations</li> <li>• Solids, Liquids, and Gases</li> <li>• Changes in Matter</li> <li>• Animal Classification</li> <li>• Ecosystems</li> <li>• Food Chain</li> <li>• Forces</li> <li>• Insulators and Conductors</li> <li>• Light and Color</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continents, Oceans, and Hemispheres</li> <li>• Map Features</li> <li>• Political, Physical, and City Maps</li> <li>• Map Grids</li> <li>• Landforms</li> <li>• First U.S. Communities</li> <li>• Customs and Culture</li> <li>• American Symbols</li> <li>• Personal Ancestry</li> <li>• Rural, Urban, and Suburban</li> </ul>

	Writer's Workshop	Spanish	Additional Offerings
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brainstorming Techniques</li> <li>• Organizing Techniques</li> <li>• Paragraph Structure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Descriptive</li> <li>○ Narrative</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Paragraph and Essay Structure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Persuasive</li> <li>○ Expository</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Revision and Editing Techniques               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Word Choice</li> <li>○ Sentence Fluency</li> <li>○ Conventions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture</li> <li>• Sentence Formation</li> <li>• Dialogue</li> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• Vocabulary               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Greetings</li> <li>○ Time</li> <li>○ Animals</li> <li>○ Color</li> <li>○ Size</li> <li>○ Classroom Objects</li> <li>○ Places</li> <li>○ Making Plans</li> <li>○ Seasons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Education</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Computer Lab</li> <li>• Science Lab</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Character Education</li> </ul>