

Third Grade Curriculum

BIBLE

Our Bible series is *Voyages* by *Concordia Publishing*. Bible stories are taught and children memorize scripture verses weekly. Chapel is every Wednesday at 8:40 a.m. Please join us if you can.

MATH

We are using the *Scott Foresman California Math* series which follows the California State framework. We will also do basic math timed tests and math drills.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Houghton Mifflin's text *Community series* gives an overview of American culture.

LANGUAGE ARTS

The *Houghton Mifflin English* series sets it's focus on teaching grammar skills through student writing. This is an integrated, phonics based approach to reading, organized in thematic clusters, encompassing spelling and English. Book reports will be assigned in various categories such as biography, mystery, animal stories and fiction/fantasy. We will explore different methods of book reporting designed to ease the children into the idea of reading for various purposes. Opportunities are given for the development of public speaking skills. *Victory Drill* and *Math Drill* will each be used twice a week.

SPANISH/ART/MUSIC

Spanish is taught twice per week using a DVD program developed by Northern Arizona University. Art is taught one day per week by the classroom teacher. Music is taught in the classroom by Mrs. Midthun one day per week.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a motivational practice reading program. Qualified books are selected and read by the students. The students then take a comprehension test on the computer which provides immediate feedback.

COMMUNICATION

Weekly newsletters go home in the Friday folders, as well as schoolwork and any other notes.

HOMEWORK

1. Victory Drill should be practiced each night.
2. Children should read each evening.
3. Spelling words and Bible verse need to be practiced each evening.
4. Students are to complete a homework packet weekly.
5. At times, special projects may need to be done at home.

DISCIPLINE

Located on the wall in the classroom is a discipline chart. Color coded markers are used for both rewards and consequences.

Third Grade Parent Letter

Dear Third Grade Parents,

My name is Mary Mitchell. I have been a member of the Christian Church since childhood. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, with minors in English and Science from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. I have done postgraduate work through Wayne State University, C.S.U. Bakersfield and the University of San Diego. I hold a Michigan Life Teaching Credential, a California Clear Credential and a CLAD certificate. I have taught for many years both in private and public schools.

My husband, Ray, and I have four children (one daughter and three sons) two grandsons and one granddaughter who all live in California. We consider them all beautiful gifts from God. Ray and I attend Capital Christian Church.

Our teacher's aide this year is Ms. Celia Nicolos. We ask for your prayers as we strive to be examples of Jesus' love.

Our Bible theme this year, we will be focussing on the Beattitudes found in Matthew 5:1. Each month we will be focusing on one of them. The children will see that the strength of Christians comes from faith, trust, and obedience to the Lord Jesus.

If you have any questions or should need to reach me, the school office number is 689-3050.

In His Service,

Mary Mitchell