



## THIRD GRADE

### **Religion**

[Spirit of Truth by Sophia Institute for Teachers](#) is a beautiful series that introduces the Catholic faith to each grade in a way that helps students both understand and internalize our Catholic faith so they can apply it to their lives. Catechesis, scripture study, sacred art reflections, and lectio divina guide class lessons and activities. Third Graders also study virtues through the [Virtues in Practice](#) curriculum and develop a foundational understanding of our identities as sons and daughters of God through the [REVEALED Theology of the Body curriculum](#).

### **English Language Arts**

- **Spelling:** Although we expect our Third Graders to be reading fluently, they are not finished learning phonics! Students work on mastering the skill of encoding words through spelling in [Memoria Press's Traditional Spelling](#) series which goes much deeper than rote memorization of spelling words and builds a true foundation of phonetic mastery.
- **Handwriting:** Third Graders begin learning the art of cursive handwriting with the [Writing Our Catholic Faith](#) program.
- **Grammar:** An overview of English grammar in [Evan-Moor's Grammar & Punctuation series](#) prepares Third Graders for deeper grammar mastery in Fourth Grade.
- **Literature:** Most of our Third Grade literature guides and activities come from our Connecting with History curriculum, but we will also incorporate at least one other novel study using a Memoria Press literature guide yet to be determined.
- **Poetry:** The study and memorization of poetry and Bible verses expands students' language skills and gives them a treasure trove of rich verses to call upon throughout their lifetime.
- **Writing:** In this age of artificial intelligence, it is more important than ever for children to learn how to formulate and present independent thoughts, ideas, and opinions in an effective manner. Third Graders study and implement writing strategies using [Evan-Moor's Daily 6-Trait Writing](#) to learn this valuable skill which preserves human writing proficiency.

### **Mathematics**

[Third Grade Math with Confidence](#) is a fun and hands-on math curriculum that uses a conceptual and mastery based approach to lessons to ensure that students grasp each concept in depth before moving forward. Each day's student work contains both mastery-reinforcing problems and spiral review problems to help students learn the current concepts in depth and review past concepts daily. Math with Confidence has easy-to-follow teacher manuals that make teaching math simple, and games are an integral part of this curriculum to help children become proficient in math concepts while having fun.



## **Science**

Scientific Connections Through Inquiry is an interdisciplinary science curriculum which seeks to build a true foundation of scientific thinking through hands-on activities, data journaling and recording, and thought-provoking discussions. This curriculum cultivates wonder in students by its inquiry model which sparks curiosity and the desire to learn. Third Graders use [SCI's Level 3](#) to learn about biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and space science.

## **History**

[Connecting with History by RC \(Roman Catholic\) History](#) is a cyclical, family-based approach to studying history through a Catholic lens. We are using the co-op version of Connecting with History which includes rhyming songs, hands-on activities, art studies, mini plays, picture books, and more to bring history to life for the younger grades in a fun and age appropriate manner on school days. Home days are assigned to be as family-centered as possible with family read-alouds and family activities. The 2025-2026 school year will study the first cycle which covers the Old Testament and Ancient Cultures Before Christ time period. We will also take a break from Connecting with History in the spring for the entire school to spend a unit studying Tennessee state and U.S. History using [TN History for Kids](#) and a local field trip.

## **Geography**

An overview of maps and hands-on map crafts and worksheets in [Evan-Moor's Skill Sharpeners series](#) introduces students to a new level of understanding the world around them.

## **Specials**

All students in First through Eighth Grades will attend one special per school day. These classes have not yet been determined for the 2025-2026 school year.

