



What Your Child Will Learn In Third Grade

Here is just a sample of the *Curriculum Specific to Third Grade* at Crestview Academy.

For the complete listing of the curriculum please call the school at 715-835-2275.

Literature:

Poetry:

- “Dream Variation,” by Langston Hughes
- “First Thanksgiving of All,” by Nancy Byrd Turner
- For want of a nail, the shoe was lost..... (traditional)

Stories:

- Alice in Wonderland
- Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
- The Little Match Girl
- William Tell
- Norse Mythology – trolls, Odin
- Greek and Roman myths – Perseus and Medusa

Sayings:

- Let bygones be bygones
- Actions speak louder than words
- When in Rome do as the Romans do

Science:

- ❖ Animal classification – vertebrates, invertebrates
- ❖ Human Body – systems including muscular, skeletal, nervous, vision, and hearing
- ❖ Simple Optics – speed of light, reflection, spectrum, lenses
- ❖ Sound – waves, pitch, human voice and parts, how the ear works
- ❖ Ecology – balance of nature, food chains, ecosystems
- ❖ Astronomy – the universe, galaxies, solar system, planets, asteroids, eclipses and stars
- ❖ Science Biographies – Alexander Graham Bell, Copernicus, Neil Armstrong and John Muir

World Civilization and Geography:

- ❖ Important rivers of the world – Nile, Amazon, Mississippi, Danube, Ganges, Yangtze
- ❖ Canada – Yukon, Hudson Bay, provinces, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto
- ❖ Ancient Rome – the Mediterranean, routes of early traders

- ❖ Ancient Rome – Latin language, Punic Wars, Roman Empire, Pompeii and the fall of Rome
- ❖ Mediterranean Region – Italy, France, Spain and North Africa
- ❖ Eastern Roman Empire – Byzantine Civilization, Constantine and Justinian's Code

American Civilization and Geography:

- ❖ The earliest Americans – Eskimos, mound builders, Pueblos, Apaches and Woodland Indians
- ❖ Early Exploration of North America: Norsemen, Ponce de Leon, De Soto, Coronado, and Cabot
- ❖ The 13 Colonies: regions, English settlements, Virginia, Massachusetts, Pilgrims, Quakers, Dutch Settlements, William Penn, slave labor, James Oglethorpe and the Middle Passage
- ❖ Locating the 13 colonies, geography of the English Settlements

Visual Arts:

- ❖ Elements of art – light, shadow, space and design
- ❖ American Indian Art – Southwest and Woodland Indians, Hopi, Navajo and masks
- ❖ Art of ancient Rome and Byzantine Civilization

Selected Works:

- Rembrandt *Man With Helmet*
- Bruegel *Peasant Wedding*
- Dali *The Persistence of Memory*
- Millet *The Gleaners*
- Vermeer *Milkmaid*
- Munch *The Scream*

Music:

- ❖ Musical expression and elements such as melody, harmony, rhythm, timbre, treble clef, quarter note, eighth note, half note and whole note
- ❖ The Orchestra – brass, woodwinds and strings

Selected Works:

- Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*
- Debussy *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*
- Tchaikovsky *Tea: Chinese Dance* from *The Nutcracker*
- Ludwig van Beethoven *Ode To Joy*

Physical Education:

- ❖ Sportsmanship
- ❖ Fitness
- ❖ Teams
- ❖ Nutrition
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Basic rules and skills of volleyball, dance, basketball, gymnastics, softball, track and field

Virtues:

- ❖ Duty/dignity
- ❖ Steadfastness
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Responsibility
- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Love
- ❖ Resourcefulness
- ❖ Gentleness
- ❖ Courage

Stories:

- *The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado
- *The Wild Swans* by Hans Christian Anderson
- *Johnny Appleseed* by Steven Kellogg
- *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* from *Treasury of Virtues*
- *Rikki-tikki-tavi* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Frederick Douglas: The Last Day of Slavery* by William Miller

Library Skills:

- ❖ Card catalog
- ❖ Encyclopedia
- ❖ The Dewey Decimal System

Basic Christian Principles:

- ❖ The students will study the structure of the 66 books contained in the Bible.
- ❖ Students will learn a basic structure (e.g. historical, prophetic, epistles), who wrote the book, and the main audience, the time frame of the book, key points found in the book, and more yet to be determined.