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Elementary Program Third Grade Curriculum Guide

Bible - Purposeful Design

The Purposeful Design Bible series focuses on the foundational teachings from the Bible about the nature and character of God, the qualities of His people, and His church. Students are given an overview of the Bible, with an emphasis on God's attributes, biblical characters, the early Church, and what it means to know Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Our third graders focus on the life of Christ and the early Church.

Math – Bob Jones

Math 3 provides practice and review of basic math and introduces the fundamental principles of fractions and geometry. Problem-solving skills are developed through word- problems.

Writing - Lucy Calkins

The Lucy Calkins third grade writing series consists of four units.

- Unit 1: Crafting True Stories - extends students' work with personal narrative while engaging them more fully in the complete writing process, with increasing emphasis on drafting and revising their work
- Unit 2: The Art of Information Writing – students write chapter books that synthesize a wide variety of information and learn to section their topics into subtopics
- Unit 3: Changing the World: Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials – students use their newfound abilities to gather and organize information to persuade people about causes they believe in
- Unit 4: Once Upon a Time: Adapting and Writing Fairy Tales - uses familiar fairy tales to explore techniques of fiction writing such as writing in scenes, employing an omniscient narrator to orient readers, using story structure to create tension, and crafting figurative language to convey mood.

Grammar - Multisensory Grammar/Write Source Skills Book

Multisensory Grammar provides a concrete, colorful method for teaching the functions of parts of speech and sentence structure. Routines are put into place for introducing and reinforcing the parts of speech, and strategies that promote students' use of fundamental grammar in oral and written expression.

The *Write Source Skillsbook* provides daily practice for grammar, usage and mechanics.

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Handwriting - Zaner-Bloser

Third graders focus on continual manuscript review. They continue to improve basic cursive strokes, uppercase and lowercase letters, numerals 1-10, and joinings.

Spelling – Bob Jones

Spelling 3 teaches students to apply more generalizations to word families and gives extensive practice in adding suffixes. Expanded dictionary skills, guided journal entries, and Bible word studies are all key components of the third grade spelling.

Reading – Bob Jones

Reading 3 deepens reading skills and comprehension through character-building stories that demonstrate biblical truth and timeless virtues.

Social Studies - Pearson My World

With an integrated and interactive curriculum, stories from our world engage students and help develop thoughtful citizens. Lessons apply inquiry processes, practice reading and writing, and involve collaboration and communication skills. The third grade Social Studies theme is called We Are Connected and focuses on the following contents:

- Our Communities
- Our Environment
- Communities Build a Nation
- U.S. Government
- Citizenship
- A Growing Nation
- Working in Our Communities
- Celebrating Our Communities

Science - Bob Jones

Science 3 gives students the opportunity to investigate and inquire into topics such as animals, plants, ecosystems, matter, sound, energy, weather, the solar system and skin. Students make observations and create experiments based on their explorations.

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