



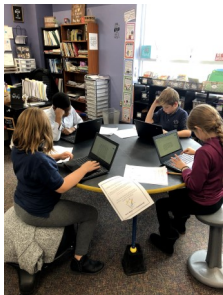
## RELIGION/BIBLE

### One In Christ/ Concordia

- God and His Word
- The Holy Spirit Blesses the Church
- God the Father's Gracious Gift
- Jesus Brings Salvation
- God Hears & Answers His People
- God's Love Leads Us to Respond with Love
- God Comes to us through the Means of Grace
- God Works in Me to Follow His Ways
- God Makes Us His Witnesses



3rd graders lead daily classroom devotions and have weekly bible memory verse work. We also participate in service projects throughout the year.



**FLEXIBLE SEATING**  
 We use a variety of seating options in 3rd grade. Students choose where they will work and learn best throughout the day. Seating choices include: balance balls, wobbly stools, floor tables and spots, cushions and regular chairs.

## SPECIALS

- Art*
- Physical Education*
- Spanish*
- Music*
- Chapel*
- Computers*
- Library*

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## 3RD GRADE PROGRAM



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# Third Grade Program

## LANGUAGE ARTS

In 3rd grade we use Pearson's ReadyGen reading curriculum. This program is a good blend of **phonics, reading, writing, listening and speaking**. The skills are connected to texts from many different fiction and nonfiction genres. Each Module's lessons focus on an anchor text. We also read additional texts that support the themes in the anchor text.

We have a daily **Reading Workshop** time that consists of the **whole group lesson or interactive read aloud, independent reading time and small group work**. During interactive read aloud, we read a chapter book together and focus on using signposts to help us think as readers and have conversations about the text.

Our **WRITING** program is closely intertwined with our reading curriculum, and as we study a type of text in reading we also explore and learn about the **writing conventions, skills and craft** necessary to doing that type of writing. Students will be writing: **Narrative pieces, Information/Explanatory pieces, & Opinion pieces.**

### KEY READING SKILLS:

Character traits & motivations  
 Problem & Solution  
 Sequence of Events  
 Point of View  
 Theme  
 Main Idea/Central Message  
 Cause/Effect  
 Compare/contrast  
 Context Clues  
 Features of Information Text

## MATHEMATICS Saxon Math 3

- Place Value
- Expanded Form
- Even & Odd Numbers
- Factors & Multiples
- Prime Numbers & Square Numbers
- Addition & subtraction facts to 18 mastery.
- Addition & subtraction of two- and three digit numbers with & without regrouping.
- Multiplication & Division (Conceptual Understanding and Facts)
- Fractions and decimals
- Money (counting, value of coins, writing amounts with dollar & cent symbols, addition & subtraction of amounts.)
- Patterns
- Polygons; types of lines and angles; types of triangles.
- Measurement of time, calendar dates, temperature, and length using customary & metric units.
- Perimeter and area
- Line, bar and pictographs
- Problem Solving



## SCIENCE

### Purposeful Design

3rd Grade students will learn:

- **Life Science**
  - \* **Ecosystems**
  - \* **Life of Plants**
  - \* **Plant Variety**
- **Physical Science**
  - \* **Matter**
  - \* **Motion & Force**
  - \* **Electricity**
  - \* **Magnets**
- **Earth Science**
  - \* **Earth's Surface**
  - \* **Changes in Earth's Surface**



## Social Studies Our MI Adventure

In Social Studies, 3rd grade students will do a study of the state of Michigan.



- **MI HISTORY**
  - \* **Early People**
  - \* **Early Explorers**
  - \* **Becoming a State**
  - \* **Transportation**
  - \* **Cause/Effect**
  - \* **Creating/using time lines to sequence events**
- **MI GEOGRAPHY (Land, Water, Regions)**
  - \* **Map skills**
  - \* **MI Natural Resources**
  - \* **Ways people have interacted with the environment now & in the past.**
- **GOVERNMENT**
  - \* **Levels of government in the US.**
  - \* **Branches of state government.**
  - \* **Purpose of MI Constitution.**
  - \* **Rights & responsibilities of citizenship.**
- **ECONOMICS**

