



# THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

## RELIGION

- The Sacraments: How the Church brings us together as Catholics
- The Gospels and how we are created in the likeness of God
- God is the Father of all and welcomes all of His children
- The Church spreading the Word of God to all
- The Catholic Church being a sign of justice and peace for all the world

## LANGUAGE ARTS

- Grammar : using and writing sentences, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions, punctuation and capitalization and diagramming
- Written and oral communication: creating and writing personal narratives, how-to articles, descriptions, book reports, persuasive writing, creative writing (realistic fiction) and research reports

## MATHEMATICS

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication facts/concepts
- Division facts/concepts
- Geometry
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Statistics and probability
- Measurement and time
- Preparation for Algebra

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- Communities around us
- Communities and geography
- Communities over time
- Citizens and government
- People in communities
- Working in communities

## READING

- Understand the characteristics of the various genres
- Use of context clues, vocabulary development, identification of story elements, character analysis, inferring, determining fact vs. opinion, cause/effect relationships, and development of critical thinking and independent reading skills
- Foster the enjoyment of reading

## SCIENCE

- Earth Science
- Rocks
- Changes to the Earth's Surface
- Conservation
- Physical Science
- Machines
- Energy
- Matter
- Life Science
- Life Cycles of Plants and Animals
- Ecosystems and Habitats
- Our Body Systems
- Health and Wellness
- Personal Safety