

# THIRD GRADE

## *Social Studies*

### **Course Description**

Third Grade Social Studies is a program designed to introduce, reinforce awareness, and apprise students of their own community and communities in the world around them.

### **Course Objectives**

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Will:**

- Examine the development of communities of the past and present
- Identify urban, suburban and rural communities
- Interpret maps and globes
- Identify characteristics of US regions
- Practice responsibility and cooperation within the local school community
- Recognize the diversity of people and their roles within communities
- Explore local and world communities as well as become helpers of the community through field trips and guest speakers
- Use the library and technology for research of communities

### **Learning Activities**

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Cooperative Group Work
- Peer Teaching
- Guest Speakers

### **Course Text**

Macmillan / McGraw – Hill Communities Near and Far 1995

### **Supplemental Materials**

#### **Videos**

- Chinese New Year
- St. Patrick's Day

#### **Field Trips**

- Walking around the Missoula Community
- Fort Missoula School House
- Missoula Art Museum
- Missoula County Courthouse

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## *Religion*

### **Course Description**

In conjunction with the philosophy that the family is the primary community in which faith is shared, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Religion program is intended to support and strengthen Catholic beliefs.

### **Course Objectives**

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Will:**

- Learn God created people to be in a community
- Identify themselves as members of the Church
- Understand the Trinity as a model for a Christian community
- Learn Jesus' mission to invite all people to the church to carry out His work
- Explore the Church as a community and institution
- See that Jesus gave His followers the law of love
- Look to the Church for moral guidance as they grow in virtues
- Explore the sacramental nature of the Church
- Learn the Seven Sacraments
- Understand the Church as a community with roots in the past, an active ministry in the present and a hope for the future coming of God's kingdom in fullness

### **Learning Activities**

- Family Faith Journal
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Cooperative Work Groups
- Community Service Projects
- Peer Teaching
- Guest Speakers

### **Course Text**

Brown ROA Walking by Faith 1999

### **Supplemental Materials**

#### **Videos**

- The 10 Commandments
- Veggie Tales

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## *Language Arts*

### **Course Description**

The Third Grade Language Arts program is intended to incorporate reading, creative writing, grammar, and oral skills in an effort to expand communication.

### **Course Objectives**

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Will:**

- Select and read a variety of materials
- Participate in guided literary discussions
- Use phonetic and whole language strategies
- Identify literary elements such as setting, point of view, and theme
- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Identify topic, main idea, and details in literature
- Summarize sequence information
- Compare and contrast
- Predict outcomes
- Infer
- Draw conclusions
- Cause / Effect relationships
- Use complex sentence structures
- Write for a variety of purposes – poetry, reading, and writing

### **Learning Activities**

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Cooperative Group Work
- Peer Teaching
- Guest Speakers

### **Course Text**

Reading Mastery 2008  
Spelling Mastery 2007

### **Supplemental Materials**

#### **Videos**

- National Geographic – Titanic
- Eyewitness – Volcanoes
- PBS – Lion, Witch, & Wardrobe
- Hallmark – Secret Garden

#### **Supplemental Books**

- Variety of Supplemental Books

### **Resources**

- Bakery

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## *Mathematics*

### **Course Description**

Third Grade Math is a program designed to develop and reinforce mathematical strategies and introduce concepts that will give access to facts while working toward mastery level learning. Topics include: using number patterns to solve problems, creating and interpreting graphs, identifying place value to thousands, solving 3-digit addition and subtraction problems, learn multiplication and division facts, measure length, width, time and temperature, experience symmetry, count money, introduction to numbers, round numbers, and use estimation skills.

### **Course Objectives**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math will:**

- Take an integrated approach to learning in geometry, graphs, probability, money, time, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and measurement with real life applications to make math enjoyable and interesting.

### **Learning Activities**

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation
- Manipulatives such as but not limited to:
  - Measuring devices
  - Place value cubes
  - Geoboards
  - Calculators
  - Money
  - Clocks
  - Flash Cards

### **Course Text**

Scott Foresman Mathematics 2008  
Rocket Math 2009

### **Supplemental Materials**

- Mailbox and Teacher's Helper Magazine
- Math Computer Games
- Manipulative Instructional Devices
- Addison Wesley Mathematic Workbook
- Challenges
- Guides for Practice
- Building Thinking Skills
- Mental Math

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## *Science*

### **Course Description**

Third Grade Science is a program designed to present science concepts in the context of real life applications. The Third Grade student will learn to use appropriate equipment and technology to observe and investigate objects and organisms in the environment. The students will apply appropriate measuring skill in everyday situations. Students will be introduced to plant and life cycles, the physical properties of matter and its changes, patterns of change in weather, and life forms. The students will also be introduced to the form and function of the skeletal and muscular system of animals, including humans.

### **Course Objectives**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science will:**

Take an integrated approach to learning science. Units will include units on life science, physical science, earth science and space and technology. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student will also understand how science is universally applicable to everybody, in time and place. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science opens the scientific world to the students that will be enjoyable and interesting.

### **Learning Activities**

- Homework
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Family Connection Extensions
- Individual and Cooperative Group Work/Participation
- Experiments (With Manipulatives)

### **Course Text**

Scott Foresman Science 2006

### **Supplemental Materials**

- Mailbox and Teacher's Helper Magazine
- Science Computer Games
- Additional Instructional Directives
- Destination in Science – Activity Journal and Blackline Masters

### **Videos**

- Eyewitness
- Magic School Bus
- National Geographic
- Nature
- Bill Nye

### **Resources**

- Tool Box
- Fort Missoula Presentation
- Wildlife Film Festival
- Doug Emlin – Biologist, UM