

Grade 3 Curriculum 2004 - 2005

ENGLISH – HOUGHTON MIFFLIN READING SERIES

Writing is an important part of the Third Grade program. This includes the daily journal and story writing. The Third Grade concentrates on:

- 1). Types and structure of sentences
- 2). Subjects and predicates
- 3). Parts of speech
- 4). Paragraph development
- 5). Writing mechanics

SOCIAL STUDIES – MACMILLAN/McGRAW-HILL

Third Graders will study various states, cities, communities, and their natural resources. They will also focus on map and globe skill such as:

- 1). Identifying earth's hemispheres
- 2). Oceans and continents

SCIENCE – HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

In third Grade, the children's curiosity and natural questioning are encouraged. Hands on activities are used to explore the world of science whenever possible. The science program in Grade 3 consists of:

- 1). Life Cycles
- 2). Sun, Moon and Earth
- 3). Matter, Energy and Forces
- 4). Earth Resources
- 5). Roles of Living Things

READING - HOUGHTON MIFFLIN SERIES

Grade Three focuses on three main instructional approaches:

- 1). Teacher led instruction
- 2). Shared learning approaches
- 3). Independent learning activities

Third graders are continuing to develop important reading skills, which will enable them to read fluently and with comprehension. Grade three concentrates on:

- 1). Decoding
- 2). Vocabulary development
- 3). Comprehension

MATHEMATICS - SILVER BURDETT GINN SERIES

Students in Third grade review basic addition and subtraction skills. A strong emphasis is placed on Multiplication and the students are expected to memorize the Times Facts during the course of the school year. The following concepts are also developed at this level:

- 1). Working with 2, 3, and 4 digit integers (+ and -)
- 2). Multiplication with and without regrouping
- 3). Estimation
- 4). Basic concepts in division
- 5). Working with money
- 6). Telling time
- 7). Concepts of Geometry
- 8). Working with Decimals
- 9). Basic Fraction concepts
- 10). Understanding Word Problems

Manipulatives are used to enhance Basic Math concepts along with the use of drill and practice.