



DOWNERS GROVE
Christian School
Third Grade Curriculum

We welcome you to our third grade class where students discover God's Truths in all subject areas. The students will be developing and strengthening their reading, writing, problem solving, and independent work skills necessary for a successful educational experience. Our primary goal is to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ and to grow in knowledge and obedience to Him. Our focus is to apply our Biblical knowledge to the life problems experienced and exhibit a heart of love and service for all people.

Bible: Discover 4 Yourself Inductive Bible Study (Kay Arthur)

This inductive study for kids on the lives of Joseph and Daniel teaches the basic skills of Bible study for a lifetime of discovering God's Word.

Reading: Scott Foresman Reading

A basal reading program designed to develop the attitudes and abilities necessary to become successful readers. Develops a broad vocabulary base. Strengthens comprehension skills with questions and creative writing activities. Extends the language arts skills with guided and independent workbook pages. To continue their success in reading quality literature for enjoyment and understanding, library trips, book reports, and Accelerated reading are also a part of the program.

Novels: Charlotte's Web by *E. B. White*

Good Charlotte by *Carol Beach York*

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by *Beverly Cleary*

Language Arts: Grammar Practice Book Level 3 (Scott Foresman)

Master basic grammar and mechanical language skills necessary for effective written and oral language.

Handwriting Without Tears (HWT)

Develop word and sentence skills while emphasizing practice with fine motor skills in writing. Transition to single line writing is also included.

Spelling and Vocabulary, Level 3 (Scott Foresman Reading)

Develop reliable spelling strategies that can apply to both familiar and unfamiliar words. Become aware of a rich network of spelling-meanings. Supplemental work is done on spellingcity.com.

Mathematics: Mathematics, Grade 3 (A Beka)

Reinforce addition and subtraction facts, understand time and money; Master multiplication/division facts 0-12. Develop problem solving skills, learn to analyze data and draw logical conclusions; Prepare students for understanding basic geometry and basic algebra; to understand fractions and decimals. Supplemental work is done on xtramath.org.

Science: Harcourt Science

Students gain a fuller understanding of the amazing complexity and orderliness of God's world, and a deeper awareness of His goodness and power. Provides creative learning experiences through hands-on experiments. Units studied include energy, matter, the earth's resources and recycling, deserts and simple machines.

Social Studies: Our American Heritage (A Beka)

Students will be introduced to basic map skills; the curriculum emphasizes patriotism / character development and a survey of American History in a Christian perspective through the biographies of great Americans. We end by hosting a wax museum of American Heroes.

Computer: Educational Programs

Field Trips: Public Library, Feed My Starving Children, Naper Settlement, Pediatric Orientation Program through Good Samaritan Hospital

Art, Physical education, Classroom Music