

3RD Grade

Curriculum Overview



English Language Arts

Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)

CKLA integrates grammar, spelling, reading, and writing through content-based units that build literacy skills while expanding students' knowledge of science and social studies topics.

- Fur, Fins, and Feathers: Animal Classification
- Rhythm and Rhyme: Poetry
- Rise and Fall: Ancient Rome
- Our Solar System and Beyond: Astronomy
- From Blues to Bebop: All That Jazz
- Novel Studies
 - Timeless Tales: Classic Stories
 - "The Wind in the Willows"
 - "Alice in Wonderland"
 - "Mulan"
 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
 - Charlotte's Web

Math

Sadlier Math

Sadlier Math helps students build problem-solving, reasoning, and fluency through explicit, step-by-step instruction and real-world applications.

- Addition and Subtraction within 1,000
- Multiplication and Division Concepts and Facts
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Data
- Time
- Area and Perimeter

Religion

Sophia Institute Spirit of Truth, Education in Virtue

Spirit of Truth teaches students the truths of our Catholic faith through Scripture, Tradition, the Catechism, and engaging lessons that encourage them to live out their faith. The Education in Virtue program, infused throughout the school day, helps students develop strong character by teaching them to live the virtues through everyday habits and choices.

- The Trinity
- The Kingdom of God
- The Church
- The Sacraments
- Our Blessed Mother
- Virtues

Writing

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In each unit, students have multiple opportunities to write for a variety of purposes before producing a culminating writing piece, such as an original poem, a fictional narrative, and a research essay.

- Opinion Essays
- Informative Texts
- Poetry
- Fictional Narrative
- Research Essay

Science

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Dimensions

HMH Science Dimensions engages students in hands-on, inquiry-based learning that builds scientific thinking and deepens understanding through real-world investigations.

- Forces and Motion
- Life Cycles and Inherited Traits
- Organisms and Their Environments
- Fossils
- Weather and Patterns

Social Studies

Project-Based Learning, Ascension Press God's Plan in Scripture

Students meet diocesan standards through project-based learning experiences that build critical thinking, collaboration, and understanding of grade-level concepts. Additionally, God's Plan in Scripture familiarizes students with salvation history, and CKLA integrates social studies content knowledge.

- Salvation History: Egypt and Exodus/Desert Wanderings
- Cultural Diversity: Celebrations, Traditions, and Symbols
- Government: Structure and Citizenship
- Economic Reasoning: Understanding the Local Economy
- Themes of Geography
- Historical People and Events
- Timelines and Chronological Order