

Social Studies

Practices:

- Read and interpret different types of maps
- Understand cardinal directions
- Locate major landforms and bodies of water
- Conduct short research projects

Concepts:

- Determine how a community develops and is shaped by important people and events
- Compare and contrast rural, suburban, and urban communities
- Identify qualities of a responsible citizen
- Identify and understand levels of government
- Understand the voting process
- Understand the relationship between goods and services and their role in a community's economy

Science

Practices:

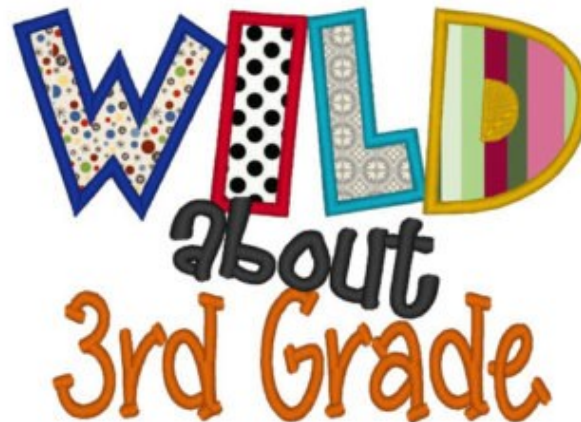
- Plan and conduct group and individual investigations/experiments (make observations, measure data, ask questions, use evidence to support an explanation, and present findings)
- Use text features to understand concepts and to locate information within a text

Concepts:

- Life science (life cycles, ecosystems, competition, traits, adaptations)
- Earth science (water cycle and weather patterns, rocks and soil, slow and sudden changes to Earth's structure, natural resources, renewable, and nonrenewable resources)
- Space/solar system (characteristics of the sun, Earth, moon, and other planets in our solar system, daily, seasonal, and annual patterns related to Earth's rotation and revolution)
- Physical science (properties of matter, changes in matter, force & motion, energy,



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Third Grade Curriculum

Reading - Language Arts

Skills & Strategies:

- Read age-appropriate material aloud with fluency, expression, and accuracy
- Use prefixes, suffixes, root words, and phonetic rules to decode new words
- Read, comprehend, and identify a variety of genres participate in literature circles
- Ask and respond to questions using detail to better understand a text
- Produce written reflections using detail/evidence found within the text
- Use graphic organizers to improve comprehension
- Read and make connections to other texts, personal experiences, and real world situations

Literature:

- Identify and discuss story elements (characters, setting, plot, conflict/resolution, theme, and lesson/moral)
- Make connections to other texts, personal experiences, and real world situations
- Develop reading skills (retelling, sequencing, predicting outcomes, identifying facts vs. opinions, comparing and contrasting, and identifying the author's point of view)

Informational Text:

- Identify main idea and supporting details
- Identify and use text features to understand the text and locate information
- Identify author's purpose as persuade, inform, or entertain



Grammar, Language, and Writing - Language Arts

Grammar & Language:

- Use correct punctuation and capitalization
- Identify nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs and incorporate into writing

Writing:

- Write for a variety of purposes (persuade, inform, entertain)
- Develop a paragraph with a topic sentence and supporting details
- Use a variety of sentence types within a paragraph
- Use the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing, rewriting, and publishing)
- Gather, organize, and present information using technology and other resources



Religion

Practices:

- Prepare for and participate in liturgical celebrations (rosary, weekly Mass, nursing home Mass)
- Engage in service projects
- Apply Scripture to life

Concepts: understand the meaning of faith

- Identify and discuss the holy trinity
- Discuss the history of the church; discuss God's greatness and love
- Review the seven sacraments
- Examine vocations
- Understand humanity and being created in the likeness of God
- Discuss the lives of the Saints

Math

Place Value

- Identify place value up to six digits
- Round whole numbers to the nearest 10 or 100

Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract within 1,000
- Identify an unknown value in a number sentence
- Complete multi-step word problems

Multiplication & Division:

- Understand the meaning of and relationship between multiplication & division
- Identify and apply properties of multiplication & division
- Interpret products of whole numbers
- Interpret quotients of whole numbers
- Multiply and divide within 100
- Identify an unknown value in an equation
- Solve single and multi-step word problems

Measurement & Data:

- Interpret and construct tables, graphs, and charts
- Tell time to the nearest minute and solve problems involving elapsed time
- Understand the difference between perimeter and area
- Count square units to measure area; use arrays and multiplication to determine area
- Measure objects and line segments in fractions of an inch
- Solve word problems involving time, perimeter, area, capacity, and mass

Fractions:

- Understand fractions as parts of a whole
- Partition shapes and represent as fractions
- Identify fractions and mixed numbers on a number line/ruler
- Use fraction models to understand and recognize simple equivalent fractions

Geometry:

- Identify, describe, and compare properties of two-dimensional shapes
- Compare and classify shapes by their sides and angles

