

Homework

Math Home Links which are sent home several times a week

Bible memory work

Test review (review sheets are sent home prior to tests)

Spelling words (weekly)



Third Grade Curriculum



Bible

Bible Stories

- Unit 1 - In the Beginning
- Unit 2 - Abraham and Isaac
- Unit 3 - Jacob and Joseph
- Unit 4 - Exodus
- Unit 5 - God's Law
- Unit 6 - Forty Years in the Wilderness
- Unit 7 - The Promised Land
- Unit 8 - Judges
- Passion Week stories at Easter time.

Bible Memory

Psalm 8:1-5, Isaiah 40:28 & 29, John 3:16-18, Romans 8:31b & 32; 37-39, Ephesians 6:1-3, Matt. 28:1-10, Luke 1:46-49, John 15:15, Colossians 1:13-14, Philippians 1:6, I John 5:18, I Cor. 3:16, Ephesians 2:10

Attributes of God

- Father: Creator, Orderly, Covenant Keeper, Just Judge, Patient, Trustworthy, Righteous, Law Giver
- Jesus: The Risen Lord, The Only Way, Atonement Provider
- The Holy Spirit: Gives us Understanding and Discernment, Empowers, Prayer, Comforter
- Devotions include:
- Singing, sharing favorite Bible passages, prayer requests, sentence prayers, and selections from devotionals.
- Student involvement.

Weekly special time of praise where all third graders meet together.

Technology

- Tab Key, File menu, Edit menu
- Microsoft Word, KidPix, Inspiration
- All the Right Type, software for keyboarding skills



Field Trips

- Plants "On the Move" at Van Raalte Farm
- Enviroscape Study, presenter in our classroom
- Winter Ecology at DeGraaf Nature Center (Snowshoe hike if snow)
- Cappon House & Settlers House at Cappon House in Holland
- A River Runs Through It at Van Raalte Farm

P.E.

- Locomotor & non-locomotor skills
- Skills, rules and regulations, strategy, terminology for soccer, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball
- Fitness components: muscle strength, muscle endurance, flexibility, agility, endurance
- Skills, events, terminology, and equipment for track



Media Center

- Using Library Search to find books, put books on hold, and access patron information.
- Find books in library using call numbers.
- Research the author, Beverly Cleary.
- Finding information in print and online encyclopedias

Social Studies

An introduction to the land, people and regions of the USA

American landscape:

Land features, rivers, climates, natural resources, people, and environment

People:

Diverse groups, common beliefs, customs, responsibilities, national symbols

Government:

Three levels of government and important documents such as: Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

Regions:

Cultural and physical features of northeast, southeast, mid-west, southwest, west and Pacific coast and islands





Reading

Reading Lessons include:

- Reading Groups
 - whole class guided reading
 - small group guided reading
 - paired reading
 - independent reading
- Responding to books being read through journals and activity booklets

Comprehension Strategies include:

- Making Connections - Naya Nuki (Ken Thomasma)
- Questioning- Louis Braille
- Visualizing - Sarah, Plain and Tall (MacLachlan)
- Inferring- Muggie Maggie (by Beverly Cleary)
- Determining the Importance of Text - Egypt Project
- Synthesizing - Mr. Popper's Penguins (Atwater)



Sound

- Explaining and demonstrating how sounds are made
- Describing sounds in terms of their properties (pitch, loudness)
- Explaining the function of the ear and skin as sound sensors
- Using the scientific process in experimenting with sound

Flowering Plants

- Recognizing plant parts that are important in the growth, survival, and reproduction of plants
- Describing functions of seed plant parts
- Describing life cycles of plants
- Describing basic requirements for all living things to survive
- Identifying the relationship of plants in food chains
- Developing an awareness and sensitivity to the natural world



Science:

Solids, Liquids, and Gases

Observing and measuring physical properties of the three states of matter

Investigating common physical changes in the three states of matter

Examining and using methods to separate mixtures

Using the scientific process in exploring matter and separating mixtures

Our Changing Earth

Describing major surface features of the Earth and how they change

Describing how water exists on the Earth in three states of matter

Describing and explaining the water cycle and the uses of water

Tracing the path that rain water follows after it rains



Writing

Process:

- Traits include: Ideas, Organization, Word Choice, Voice, Sentence, Fluency, Conventions
- Genres include: Realistic, Fables, Folktales, Position piece, Writing instructions, Letter and addressing an envelope

Compare two pieces of literature

Grammar:

- Kinds of sentences: statements, questions, and exclamations
- Nouns, verbs, adjectives, and pronouns

Mechanics

- Capitalize titles of books, stories, poems, etc; capitalize the first word of a greeting and closing of a letter.

Penmanship - Cursive

- Lower case letters are learned first



Math

- Number - Arrays and facts for multiplication and division, read, write and compare decimals (tenths, hundreds, thousandths), square numbers
- Pattern - multiplication and division patterns
- Measurement - to the nearest quarter inch, using cm, mm, and m
- Geometry - find area and perimeter, diameter and circumference, draw and measure angles, construct geometric shapes, polyhedrons, parallel lines and intersections, segments, lines, and rays, symmetry
- Money - estimating costs
- Graphs - Bar graphs
- Fractions - Equivalent fractions, compare fractions, fractions greater than one, solve number stories using fractions.



Music

- Note reading in treble and bass clef,
- Writing notes in time in songs,
- Finding musical patterns

Art

- Art from ancient civilizations
- Sculpture using papier maché and clay
- Native American art
- Artist: Kinkade - luminism
- Human form

