

In Grade Three, students will. . .

## **RELIGION:**

### **THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

- Learn that God calls us to faith and eternal life
- Believe and trust in the one all-knowing and all-loving God
- Learn the mysteries of faith we profess in the Creed
- Learn the truths Catholics believe
- Bible stories portraying God's love for His people
- Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation
- Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Lent Easter
- Daily Prayer

**Text: Faith & Life :Our Life With**  
(Ignatius Press 2009)

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **Reading**

- Decoding skills
- Comprehension
- Topic/ main idea/ details
- Time sequence
- Cause and effect
- Predict outcome
- Fact and opinion
- Character/ setting/ plot
- Reference Skills

### **Text: Treasures**

(Macmillan McGraw Hill 2007)

**Grammar** (Macmillan McGraw Hill 2007)

### **Writing/English:**

- Pre-writing, brain storming
- Revising, proofreading
- Final draft
- Narrative/ descriptive/ persuasive paragraphs
- Parts of a letter
- Write a book
- Types of sentences

- Use of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
- Punctuation/capitalization

**Text: English** (Houghton Mifflin 2004)

## **HANDWRITING/SPELLING**

- Learn cursive letter formation
- Connection of letters and slant
- Daily work in cursive writing
- Activities to reinforce skills in Language Arts areas

**Text: Handwriting, A Reason For**  
(The Concerned Group 2004),  
**Spelling** (Macmillan McGraw Hill 2007)

## **MATH**

- Understand patterns, relations, functions
- Addition/Subtraction with regrouping through thousands
- Identify place value through thousands
- Problem solving strategies – drawings, manipulatives, and equations
- Mental math
- Estimating, rounding
- Basic multiplication facts
- Basic division facts
- Identify fractions
- Basic solid and plane geometry, congruency/symmetry
- Measurement, time, and money

**Text: Houghton Mifflin Math**  
(Houghton Mifflin 2005)

## **SCIENCE**

### **Life:**

- Plants: parts and life cycles
- Animals: with and without backbones
- How organisms live together
- Five groups of organisms

### **Physical:**

- States of matter
- Simple and compound machines

### **Earth**

- Types of rocks and soil and how they form
- Layers of the earth, weathering and erosion
- Earthquakes and volcanoes

### **Health**

- Body, cells, tissues, organs, bones, joints, muscles
- Nutrition,
- Exercise
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco

**Text: Science: A Closer Look**  
(Macmillan McGraw Hill/2008)

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Map skills – parts of a map
- Know and locate the 7 continents/4 oceans
- Begin to locate states on map
- Reading graphs and charts
- Developmental changes in rural, urban, suburban communities
- Native Americans, Pilgrims and Pioneers
- People and Citizenship
- Use of natural resources
- Geography, Regions of Michigan
- Landforms & resources
- Understand & demonstrate map & globe skills
- History of Michigan through statehood
- Roles of the citizen in American Democracy
- Michigan's Economics & government

**Text: Social Studies** (Scott Foresman 2005)

**Text: Michigan**  
(Macmillan/McGraw-Hill 2007)

## **ART**

- Identify warm and cool colors
- Relationship of art elements

- Color mixing
- Free expression and invention
- Understand concept of balance in a design

## **MUSIC**

- Emphasize basic music reading skills while learning songs
- Songs of increasing difficulty by rote and note including the introduction of harmony
- Create simple melodies
- Explore various rhythmic patterns and meters
- Use movement and dance to express music and show form
- Appreciate various styles of music

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- Emphasis on motor skills
- Movement, rhythmic activities,
- Simple games, relays, stunts
- Conditioning activities
- Introduced to team sports
- Individual and dual sports
- Team building
- Fitness Testing

## **TECHNOLOGY BENCHMARKS**

- Introduce keyboarding techniques
- Know and use proper alphabet keys
- Use thumb on space bar
- Use, **Return, Shift** keys
- Left/right hand position
- Use **File Menu**
- 15 words per minute at 85% accuracy
- Use a variety of technology tools for writing, communication, and publishing
- **Spelling and Thesaurus**
- Application of knowledge examples

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