

Faith Lutheran School

3rd Grade Highlights

Mission Statement

Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ

Religion

- *One in Christ* curriculum by Concordia Publishing House
- Lessons follow a chronological survey of the Bible helping students to comprehend the big picture of God's plan of salvation
- Bible verses, songs, prayer, and memory work are integral parts of this study
- A chronological study of Bible stories, beginning with the creation of all things by God
- Lessons span Biblical history from the Exodus through the formation of the early church

Reading/Language Arts

- *Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Wonders* is a Common Core, state-aligned curriculum
- Focus on phonics, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension development
- Practice books provide experience with many reading strategies
- Balance of writing and grammar skills

Math

- *Pearson enVision Mathematics* is a Common Core, state-aligned curriculum
- Works on developing proficiency in conceptual understanding, computational, and procedural skills, and problem solving ability
- Multiplication and division processes are introduced

Science

- *Building Blocks of Science* curriculum combines life, earth, and physical sciences
- Units include: Weather and Climate Systems, Forces and Interactions, and Life in Ecosystems
- Encourages students to explore and observe God's world around them
- Daily experiments and hands-on activities make the concepts "come alive" for the learner
- Learn about the different stages of animal life from birth to death
- Research an animal, create a PowerPoint presentation, and present the report

Social Studies

- *Pearson myWorld – We are Connected* curriculum explores communities in our country and the world
- Units focus on the people, history, jobs, and government of our communities
- Students create their own "community" out of milk cartons, and the "buildings" are placed on their "property"
- "Jobs" are created in the classroom for which students have to apply, interview, and perform in order to earn their "salary." Their "salary" is then spent at the store to buy supplies that are used to decorate their houses and business.
- This end-of-the-year project heightens students' awareness of what a community really is

Experiences

- Choir/music/recorder instruction (Christmas and spring programs)
- Computer/library instruction (PowerPoint presentations)
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- Field day
- Field trips
- Public library introduction field trip
- Specialist classes: art, PE, music/drama
- Kindergarten buddies
- Schoolwide assemblies
- Science/International/Art Fair rotation
- Weekly chapel
- Service projects
- Gingerbread Community Project (social studies)
- Health
- Mystery Box
- Olympia Junior Program
- Piano instruction (optional)

Daily Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15	Assignment Sheet Welcome Work Announcements Prayer/Pledges	Assignment Sheet Welcome Work Announcements Prayer/Pledges	Assignment Sheet Welcome Work Announcements Prayer/Pledges	Assignment Sheet Welcome Work Announcements Prayer/Pledges	Assignment Sheet Welcome Work Announcements Prayer/Pledges
8:45	Religion	Religion	Chapel or Library	Religion	Religion
9:15	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
10:00	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:20	Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Reading Assessment
10:50	Language Arts Spelling	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Language Arts Spelling Assessment
11:10	Language Arts Grammar				Language Arts Grammar Assessment
11:30	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:30	Language Arts Vocabulary	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Language Arts Centers/Reading Groups	Scholastic News
1:00	Class Meeting	Class Meeting	Class Meeting	Class Meeting	Class Meeting
1:15	Social Studies or Science*	Social Studies or Science*	Social Studies or Science*	Social Studies or Science*	Writing
2:00	Art (1:45)	PE (1:45)	Music	PE (1:45)	Health
2:30	Writing	Writing	Chapel (2:45) or Computers	Choir	Fun Friday
3:00	Pack-and-Stack Mystery Box	Pack-and-Stack Mystery Box	Pack-and-Stack Mystery Box	Pack-and-Stack Mystery Box	Pack-and-Stack Mystery Box
3:15	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

*Social studies and science units alternate