

**PARKWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

---

**3RD GRADE CURRICULUM**

## 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ Third Grade covers a vast array of subject matter, which includes Bible, reading, spelling, Language Arts, handwriting, math, social studies, and science, as well as physical education, vocal-music, art, computer, and library. Each subject is taught through the lens of a Biblical Worldview while meeting the framework of the Common Core Standards. Students learn through assignments, projects, activities and field trips.

# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ In the two-year Bible curriculum, studies alternate year to year from Old Testament stories and events to New Testament stories and events. Scripture memorization, Bible related activities and weekly chapel services enhance our Biblical program. Students are given opportunities to develop their gifts and talents through participation in various "Ministry Groups."

# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ In Reading students build fluency and comprehension through various novels including but not limited to: *Sarah, Plain & Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan, *The Courage of Sarah Nobel* by Alice Dalgliesh, *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman, and *Paddle to the Sea* by Clancy Holling. Small group reading sessions allow for individual pacing and monitoring.

### 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ In Spelling, students learn different spelling patterns that apply to their spelling lists. Teachers use a variety of on-line resources to enhance the spelling curriculum. Weekly tests are given to assess student's progress.

# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ The writing curriculum is a combination of Shurley-English and Write Steps. Students learn about strategies to aid in the writing process. Some skills include graphic organizers, editing, and different writing genres. Creative writing is emphasized through journaling, book reports, research reports, short stories and poetry. The Shurley English curriculum covers parts of speech, grammar, and sentence structure.

# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ In handwriting students learn cursive writing using the Zaner-Bloser curriculum.

## 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ Saxon Math curriculum introduces a variety of math skills which include, but are not limited to, addition, subtraction, multiplication, money, time, basic geometry, measurement, fractions, problem solving, and much more.



# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ The social studies curriculum uses Scott-Foresman texts. It covers Michigan History, starting with the early beginnings to Michigan Statehood and into the present. Various projects and activities are given to enhance the curriculum and assess student's progress.

# 3RD GRADE CURRICULUM

- ▶ The Science curriculum uses Scott-Foresman texts. Plants and Animals, Ecosystems, and Water are topics covered. Chapter tests are given to assess progress. Projects and activities give students opportunities to apply their knowledge in fun and exciting ways.