

Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Curriculum Overview

Grade 3



Kindergarten – 6th Grade Curriculum

Our goal at Illinois Lutheran is to educate the whole student academically, spiritually and physically. It is our privilege to currently have over 140 students enrolled in our preschool through 6th grade classes. For nearly a century we have provided Christ-centered education for children of the south Chicago suburbs, serving as an extension of the home and a partner with the church in providing Christian education.

Elementary Academics

As a Lutheran school, our goal is to proclaim, teach, and apply faithfully the Word of God in all courses of instruction in keeping with the Holy Scriptures. In doing so, we strive to meet or exceed guidelines provided by the State of Illinois and the Wisconsin

Our Mission

Illinois Lutheran Schools provides a quality, Christian education to students of the Church and community and the world by nurturing and reaching souls for time and eternity.

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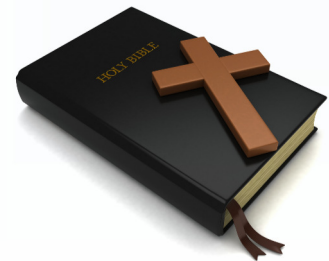
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Religion/Word of God

ChristLight

- Christ-Light studies the major stories of the Bible in chronological order. The study alternates between Old and New Testament stories. Applying the lessons of these stories to the lives of the students is a very important part of this class.
- The study of Christian hymns and memory treasures (selected Bible passages) are also part of this class.



Reading & Language Arts

Our third grade students continue to learn various reading skills through the use of fiction and nonfiction texts. The skills of identifying story elements, character, plot, problem and setting, are taught. Students also learn to identify cause and effect, as well as make inferences and predictions about their reading. Students are exposed to a variety of new and review vocabulary.



Phonics

- Third graders continue to work on phonetic skills, reviewing the sounds of long and short vowels, dividing words into syllables, prefixes, suffixes, and base words to help them in their mastery of reading.

English

- Reviewing five of the basic parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and pronouns).
- Making use of proper subject-verb agreement.

Writing

- Continued practice with capitalization and proper end marks.
- Writing descriptive paragraphs, personal narratives and a basic research report.

Social Studies

Social Studies allows us to look at the world around us and learn about the people and places that make it up. In Third Grade we focus on:

- Communities—local and national.
- An introduction to our government's structure.
- Basic rights of citizens and civic responsibility.
- US history beginning with Native American cultures and continuing to present day.



Mathematics

Saxon Math

Saxon Math is used throughout Illinois Lutheran Elementary School. Highlights of the Grade 3 curriculum include:

- Reinforcing basic addition and subtraction skills and strategies.
- Adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers with borrowing and carrying.
- Rounding and estimation.
- Basic multiplication facts and multiplying two-digit numbers.
- Basic division facts both with and without remainders.
- Problem solving strategies.



Science and Health

Grade 3 Science continues to develop each student's understanding of life, earth, and physical science. Highlights include:

- Earth Science—the three basic types of rocks, landforms, soil, and forces that shape the land.
- Life Science—categories of animals, vertebrates and invertebrates, and beginning to classify animals into five main groups.
- Physical Science—focus on the properties of matter, heat, light, and sound.



Fine Arts

Music

- Basic music theory—note names and value.
- Basic singing techniques—posture & tone.
- Tempo and dynamics.

Art

- Third grade students continue to work with the basic elements of art and design by looking at color, line, texture, shape, and hue while using various mediums.



Technology

Our Third Grade students have access to Chromebooks. With them we learn:

- Use of basic word processing programs.
- Typing skills.
- Safe use of the Internet and search engines.
- Copying images and inserting them into documents and presentations.
- Use of spreadsheets and entering basic data.

Physical Education

In Third Grade Physical Education students work on large and small motor skills as well as begin the basics of team sports. Students work on various coordination and balance activities as well as learning the basics of basketball, floor hockey, and baseball.