



Jubilee Christian School
Imagine • Believe • Achieve

Statement of Curriculum

3rd Grade

Instructional Approach

One of the most distinctive aspects of Jubilee Christian School is our integrated approach to learning. First and foremost, this approach is centered around God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. At Jubilee, **He is central to everything we teach and study.**

Grade Level Objectives

Third grade at Jubilee Christian School marks the transition from the primary to the intermediate classroom. It is an exciting year, full of many changes, learning experiences, and social, academic, and spiritual growth. There is an emphasis placed on the students becoming more independent and responsible for organization of their work, assignments, materials, and study habits. The integrated learning experiences they will be participating in will foster academic learning while developing a Christian world view. With Christ at the center, third graders will use cooperative and hands-on learning to develop critical thinking, questioning, and problem solving skills in a caring, child-centered environment, where they will be challenged according to their individual abilities, strengths, and interests.

They will witness God's perfect design and plan as they explore a variety of science and social studies concepts. Developing mastery of number sense, place value, multiplication and division concepts, and problem-solving strategies are the main focus of the math curriculum. Students carefully and creatively work through all stages of the Writing Process, as they explore many different types of writing. Monthly chapter books, that are integrated with the current unit of study, reinforce the connections made between the subject areas, as well as develop a love of literature and reading. Above all else, students will develop a deeper understanding of Scripture and how they can apply it to their daily lives.

Field Experiences

September - Guest Speaker (Physical Therapist)

November - Frick Museum

December - Nursing Home Service Project
& Presentation

January - The Original Mattress Factory

February - PPG Aquarium

April - Meadowcroft Village

May - Laurel Caverns

Curriculum Resources:

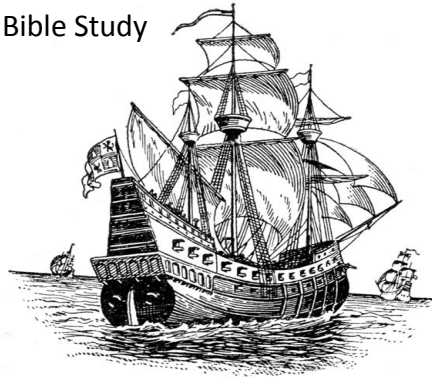
- **Harcourt** (Reading, Vocabulary, and Spelling)
- **Envision** (Math)
- **Houghton Mifflin** (English)
- **Zaner-Bloser** (Handwriting)
- **Other Teacher generated materials & books for each unit of study**



By the conclusion of Grade 3, students at Jubilee Christian School will cover the following topics of study:

Christian Studies

- Daily Devotion, “Did you Know?”
- Advent
- Books of the Bible Study



Science and History Unit Topics

- **Creation/Muscles and Bones** – September
- **Adventures and Explorers** – October
- **Light and Color** – November
- **Advent** – December
- **Simple Machines** – January
- **Ocean Life** – February
- **All School Unit** – March
- **Plain States and Prairie Life** – April
- **Rocks and Minerals and Landforms** - May

Math

- Numeration/Place Value
- Number Sense: Addition and Subtraction
- Using Place Value to Add and Subtract
- Meaning of Multiplication
- Using Patterns with Multiplication Facts
- Meaning of Division
- Division Facts
- Understanding Fractions
- Fraction Comparison and Equivalence
- Two-Dimensional Shapes and their Attributes
- Time
- Perimeter and Area
- Liquid, Volume, and Mass
- Data
- *Problem Solving and Critical Thinking* is integrated into each topic
- Continue to focus on memorization of addition and subtraction facts, and master multiplication and division facts (0-12)





Reading

- Compare and Contrast
- Main Ideas and Details
- Theme
- Plot, Character, Setting Problem and Solution
- Making Predictions
- Using Prior Knowledge
- Interpreting Character's Emotions/ Motivations
- Drawing Conclusions
- Cause and Effect
- Author's Purpose
- Locating Information
- Sequence
- Fact and opinion



Literature

Genres: Realistic Fiction, Expository Non-fiction, Fantasy, Newspaper, Non-fiction, Historical Fiction, Folktale, Informational Narrative, Play, Biography, Fable, and Readers Theatre

Selections:

- Magic School Bus—The Case of the Missing Bones
- Pedro's Journal
- Biography of Helen Keller
- Biography of Louis Braille
- Light at Tern Rock
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Little House on the Prairie
- Magic School Bus-The Rocky Road Trip

Writing

- Four Square Writing Method
- Personal Narrative
- Expository Writing
- Journal Writing
- Haiku / Diamond / Cinquain Poem
- Persuasive Paragraph
- Poetry
- Postcard/Letter

Grammar

- Statements, Questions, Commands, and Exclamations
- Subject and Predicate
- Verbs (past, present, and future tense)
- Run-On Sentences
- Helping Verbs
- Irregular Verbs (present, past, and future tenses)
- Contractions
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Articles
- Common and Proper Nouns
- Abbreviations
- Commas in a Series
- Pronouns
- Using I and Me
- Forming Complete Sentences
- Plural and Singular Nouns
- Singular and Plural Possessive Nouns