

Academics | The Day in the Life of Third Grade

Chapel: Every Wednesday, elementary students meet for a time of worship. Students sing worship songs and listen to a short message from God's Word. Once a month during chapel, students are recognized for character traits. Elementary classes focus on two character traits a month. Teachers recognize students whose behavior has shown evidence of the monthly character traits.

Bible: A study of the life of Christ (His actions, teachings, and miracles), the early church in Acts and missions from Paul until now, and Bible navigation skills including Sword drills.

Prayer: Students are taught to pray daily by offering praise and thanksgiving, as well as praying for their needs and the needs of others.

Reading: Students read a variety of short stories and novels like *The Courage of Sarah Noble* and *Charlotte's Web*. The curriculum builds fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and higher-level thinking skills.

Accelerated Reader: AR is a reading enrichment program which provides the opportunity for students to be assessed on comprehension skills.

English: Students study parts of speech, and contextual proofreading skills. They study the writing techniques of famous authors as they write a variety of genres such as personal narratives, descriptive paragraphs, persuasive letters, and informational reports. Students each publish a book in the spring. Students also participate in a speech meet in the spring.

Spelling: Weekly word lists that integrate phonics skills.

Math: Mastery of addition and subtraction skills, regrouping, multiplication and division facts, problem solving, measurement, fractions, and time.

Social Studies: Geography, culture, History (early American), government, economics.

Science Concepts: Animal groups, minerals and rocks, solar system, sound, energy in motion, layers of the skin, scientific method, and Science Fair in the spring.

Specials: Every school day, students will attend at least one of the following: physical education, music, art, computer, library, or Impact Education.

Impact Education: Third graders learn about the largest unreached people group in the world—the people living in the 10/40 window.

Special Events: The third graders participate in many special events throughout the year. A few of these include: Third Grade Play, Fairy Tale Breakfast, Christmas program and Field Day. Field Trip to Inner Space Caverns in the Fall and The Waco Museum in the Spring.

Service Project: Through SCA's Summit Serves program, students serve the community for a day by doing one of various projects throughout the community. Every year during the Christmas season, elementary students participate in a service project that helps meet the needs of other people groups. Some examples of past projects are: collecting blankets for a village in Afghanistan, making care bags for the homeless, and collecting gift cards for local families in crisis.