



PROVIDENCE  
A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW  
THIRD GRADE

equipping students for a life  
WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND ELOQUENCE  
*to the Glory of God*



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## Third Grade Curriculum Overview

### Spelling/Phonics Level 3

In third-grade spelling and phonics, students continue learning the phonemes and rules of spelling so they may be equipped to read and write with fluency and familiarity in every discipline. Students will continue practicing how to read words encountered through phonetic rules and spell words given rules of spelling.

### Grammar Level 3

In third-grade grammar, students will review the Shurley Grammar jingles, and examine sentences, the parts of speech, punctuation, and the use of reference materials. Through the use of sentence diagramming, students will examine how all of these grammatical elements come together to form complete thoughts and expressions through language, and students will be able to craft careful declarations, exclamations, interrogations, and imperatives.

### Composition Level 3

In third-grade composition, students are given tools and practice in writing narratives for all subjects by employing chronology, oral narrations, complete sentences, and topic sentences. Furthermore, students practice skills in rewriting information in their own words from narratives, highlighting the major points of the text.

### Literature Level 3

In third-grade literature, students build off of their early years of reading and practice seeing some of the elements that make up a story, particularly conflict. As students read, their imagination continues to be cultivated and a love for good stories gets instilled within them.

### Bible Level 3

In third-grade Bible, students continue to memorize verses of scripture, while growing in familiarity with specific stories in the Old Testament. Students grow in their ability to see the complete narrative of scripture and how it applies to their lives.

### History & Geography Level 3

In third-grade history, students will go through the next part of the historical timeline, learning about the major figures, events, dates, and geographic regions as they hold significance in the pre-modern age. In growing more familiar with this era, students will prepare for deeper examination of the big ideas of this era in later years of study.



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## **Third Grade Curriculum Overview (cont.)**

### **Science Level 3**

In third-grade science, students will focus on cultivated plants, seasonal changes, the water cycle, rocks/minerals and cells, growing to understand more about the complexity of the microscopic and elemental world. In addition to this, students will grow in their knowledge of energy and how it is transferred between objects and organisms. Through more focused nature studies and assisted use of microscopes, students will keep a log of all the observations that captivate them and spark their curiosity.

### **Math Level 3**

In third-grade math, students work more intensively on multiplication and division math facts, while gaining more competence in solving 2-step word problems through bar models and graphing. Students also get introduced to more geometric concepts this year.

### **Art**

In lower school art, students learn how to appreciate beautiful works of art, while practicing the rudiments of artistic expression in drawing, painting, and sculpting utilizing a variety of mediums.

### **Music**

In lower school music, students grow in their appreciation of beautiful works of music, while learning basic music history and theory. Music classes primarily focus on vocal skill development, with occasional instrumental practice. Students perform various vocal pieces at all school events and during morning prayer.

### **P.E.**

In the third year of formal Physical Education, students will spend more time throwing and catching from person to person, while building greater physical endurance in long distance running.