

# Third Grade

## Curriculum and Program Highlights

### Reading/Literature

- Utilize context clues and syntax for meaning
- Recognize three letter consonant blends, all digraphs
- Recognize accented syllables
- Recognize figures of speech
- Find supporting details
- Summarize selection
- Monthly book reports
- Alphabetize to 3 letters
- Utilize dictionary, glossary, encyclopedia, and atlas appropriately
- Write ideas, reactions, and original stories
- Stay focused during silent reading

### English

- Punctuate with comma in a series, in direct address, and in addresses
- Abbreviate days of week, months, address, and time
- Identify pronouns and simple predicates
- Utilize “its and it’s” appropriately
- Write in cursive handwriting
- Write formula poetry: Haiku, conquin, and limerick
- Participate in improvisations and play reading
- Identify contraction

### Mathematics

- Use columnar subtraction renaming twice, addition renaming three times
- Read and write numerals to hundred thousands
- Round to nearest hundred, thousand, and dollar
- Word problems using multiplication, division, money, and calendar
- Read graph/matrix and maps to solve word problems
- Multiply two and three digit numbers by one digit number – Renaming ones and tens
- Use X and division symbols and facts through 12’s
- Use formula to find perimeter and area

- Divide one number into three digits with reminders
- Tell time before and after the hour using colon notation to 1 minute
- Add and subtract fraction with like denominators
- Choose appropriate unit for length, weight, and temperature
- Determine simplest form of a fraction
- Write ratio in fraction form
- Subtract mixed numbers with different denominators
- Recognize greater and smaller fractions
- Select appropriate unit to measure in metrics
- Recognize decimals to .99
- Compute the square unit of area
- Use ordinal numbers to the twentieth
- Geometric shapes
- Learn about equalities/inequalities
- Stanford University distance learning is available as a supplement for advanced students

## **Social Studies**

- Explore natural landscape
- Identify maps, globes, time lines, charts, and graphs
- Human history of the United States
- Current Events
- Interdependence of people, animals, and land
- Native Americans
- Early American exploration and settlement
- Natural resources preservation and conservation

## **Science/Health**

- Learn about physical science
- Explore habitat/adaptation, food chain/web
- Classify within the animal kingdom
- Promotion of critical and creative thinking
- Learning from the wonders of the natural world
- Practice safety skills
- Nutrition
- Skeletal and muscle systems
- Units on bacteria, viruses
- Invention Unit –Prepare a display to present at school wide event

## **Physical Education**

- Refine running and dodging skills
- Refine throwing, catching, punting, dribbling, kicking, and ball skills
- Upper body strength through playground games and equipment
- Move rhythmically as individual or group in action games, and activities
- Expand confidence in playing basic games such as basketball
- Game rules and sportsmanship
- Develop enjoyment for recreational activities such as hoops, ropes, and action games

## **Computer**

- Identify various parts of the computer
- Introduction to carefully guided internet research
- Power Point with simple projects
- Utilize software programs at teacher direction
- Begin keyboarding
- Install programs independently from disk and from CD-Rom
- Load and run programs independently
- Beginning word processor program

## **Specialized Programs**

- Field trips
- Accelerated Reading (rewards program)
- Invention Convention

- French and/or Spanish
- Individual and group performances for students and parents
- Spectra Art (art appreciation curriculum)
- Handwriting carefully supervised
- Friendship classes
- Daily hot lunch
- Skiing, martial arts, chess, tennis, Spanish and clay classes available
- Music for musical presentations
- Science camp, west coast and east coast, or Europe travel experience
- Junior Achievement unit on economics and capitalism