

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Third Grade Curriculum

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Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children receive a quality education from a biblical worldview, while developing thinking and articulate students. We are devoted to fusing faith and learning in such a way that each student is practically equipped to face their future and become a life-long learner.

At the core of academic excellence is the role of the classroom teacher. Trinity Christian School seeks the most qualified teachers, who have a love for their students and a passion for teaching. All of our teachers are state certified and are devoted followers of Christ, who teach truth from a biblical perspective.

### **Mathematics: Purposeful Design and Supplementary Materials**

- Multiplication facts 0–12
- Different problem solving approaches
- Addition review and extension
- Subtraction, review and extension
- Multiplication
- Division
- Fractions
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 and 10,000
- Place value
- Time
- Money
- Temperature

### **Reading: Bob Jones and Reading A - Z**

- Building background
- Vocabulary strategies,
- Cause and effect
- Statements and questions
- Making predictions
- Context clues
- Drawing conclusions
- Story elements
- Author's Purpose
- Comprehension
- Phonics Skills
- A/R Test
- Novels: *Chocolate Touch*; *Secret in Maple Tree*; *Pilgrim Boy*; *The Cricket in Times Square*

### **Bible: Positive Action for Christ**

- Study the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and Daniel
- Scripture memory

### **English: Bob Jones**

- Vocabulary strategies
- Sentence types
- Parts of speech
- Expository writing
- Persuasive writing
- Dictionary skills
- Grammar skills
- Book report projects

### **Handwriting: A Reason for Handwriting**

- Students practice writing letters and groups of letters in cursive
- Focus on the five basics areas of becoming a better cursive writer: alignment, slant, size, shape, and spacing

### **Spelling: Purposeful Design**

- Study weekly spelling lists of 22 words
- Each list is grouped phonetically with a specific focus, as well as high-frequency words and two states
- Complete weekly workbook assignments that use specific spelling strategies to cultivate better spellers
- Students are tested over a list of words each week

### **History: BJU Press**

Introduction to the cultures of the world with an active, visually engaging study of major world regions. Students explore the governments, geography, climates, economics, cultures, and religions of each region. Students also learn the location and spelling of all 50 states.

### **Science: BJU Press**

Students develop a biblical worldview as it relates to various science concepts. Students learn where our world came from and how it has changed, as well as how to defend the truth that God created all things. Units cover physical, earth-space, and life sciences.



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## Art: Deep Space Sparkle

Art includes lessons from a combination of the EASE and EPIC curriculum, as well as additional seasonal projects. Exploring Art Supplies through Environments (EASE) – technique-rich exploration of different mediums and their potential, with colorful projects reflecting a variety of habitats. Elements and Principles Integration Curriculum (EPIC) – units that focus on each of the 14 elements and principles of art, with scaffolded lessons to meet student abilities at each grade level.

## Spanish

Spanish students learn about familiar topics like colors, clothing, basic expressions, numbers and household items. Each lesson, includes practice speaking and writing new vocabulary. Lessons use games, chants, puzzles, and writing activities.

## Computers

Students in grades K-8 learn about the working parts of computers, the internet and internet safety, research, coding, and how to use Microsoft Office Suite; all in order to further the Gospel and share the love of Jesus with others.

## Music: Glockenspiel

Continue instruction in rhythms, tempos, melodies, dynamics, performance, and composition. Learn how to read notes on the treble clef and learn how to play the glockenspiel. Study instruments from around the world.

## Library

Participate in the AISLE Monarch Award program. This is a state-wide program where K-3rd grade students read 18 nominated books together, and then each student will vote on his or her favorite in February. The Monarch Award is given to the author of the book that earns the most votes by all the students participating in Illinois. Throughout the year, students also learn about different sections of the library and how to find the type of book they are looking for. Classes learn about popular authors and the books or series they have written.

## Physical Education

- Develop team-building skills by working with others through physical activity
- Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury
- Students perform loco motor, non-loco motor and manipulative skills at a utilization level, show fundamental components of healthy living, and use appropriate skills in team, group and individual activities
- Introduced to basic fundamental skills of various team sports and other health-enhancing activities
- During all activities, recreational play versus competitive play, and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

## 2024-2025 Third Grade Test Scores

Iowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education if you have any questions.

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### NP of Mean NCE

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the third grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to student achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
56	59	51