

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Third Grade Curriculum

Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children can 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.
- Students focus on the five basics areas of becoming a better cursive writer: alignment, slant, size, shape, and spacing.

Spelling: Purposeful Design

- Students are given weekly spelling lists of 22 words
- Each list is grouped phonetically with a specific focus as well as high-frequency words and two states
- Throughout the week, students work in a workbook that uses specific spelling strategies to help them become better spellers
- Students are tested over a list of words each week

History: A Beka

- United States History: Discovery of America; Jamestown; Pilgrims/Plymouth; Quakers/Pennsylvania
- Famous Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, George Washington, Daniel Boone, and others
- Geography: Mapping skills, location of all 50 states, location of seven continents, location of oceans
- Black History Month

Science: Bob Jones

- Scientific Investigations
- Forces and Electricity
- Heat and Temperature
- Ecosystems
- Soil
- Plants
- Investigate and Research



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Art: The Art of Education

• Elements of design: line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space • Media: different media and techniques in artwork from around the world (painting, drawing, cutting, gluing, sculpting [slab technique]), and mixed media • Skills: create artwork using observation, problem solving, design, sketching, and construction • Create using color value, color schemes (complementary colors) • Create art that communicates ideas based on imagination, recall, and observation • Identify and describe the elements of two and three-dimensional form • Recognize that visual arts are part of various cultures' history • Knowledge of foreground, middle ground, background, and horizon line

Spanish: Spanish for You

Our Spanish curriculum is designed to build foundations in the Spanish language for learners in grades K-5. Students learn vocabulary useful in everyday life, verbs and present tense conjugation, and grammar concepts as components of language they can put together in different ways to speak, read, and write in Spanish.

Computers: Easy Tech

Our curriculum covers 12 essential skills of digital literacy including: computer fundamentals, coding, keyboarding, online safety and digital citizenship, computational thinking, multimedia, internet usage and online communication, visual mapping, word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations.

Music

• Dynamics (loud and soft) • Pitch (high and low) • Rhythm (fast and slow, rhythm patterns) • Melody (high and low, melodic patterns) • Harmony (combination of high and low pitches played together) • Performance (rhythmic and melodic instruments including African Drums, various rhythm instruments, and bells) • Music History (study of a composers and their music in correlation to how it relates to today's music) • Composition (writing rhythmic and melodic patterns and songs)

Library

Students come to the library weekly. They are able to check out three books per week and can renew them two times.

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 verses competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

2022-2023 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 fourth grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to students' achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
71	72	72