

# Third Grade



## GRAMMAR/ HANDWRITING/ ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Third grade students continue their study of cursive through the New American Cursive Workbook 3. Additionally, they improve their grammar with the Abeka Language 3 Workbook and begin the Institute for Excellence in Writing program with the text, *All Things Fun and Fascinating*, as they learn how to become exceptional writers.



## MEMORY WORK

**Our students build a wide base of factual knowledge through recitations, chants, and jingles! Some specific passages include:**

- ✓ Genesis 1:20-23
- ✓ Exodus 20
- ✓ Isaiah 9:1-7
- ✓ Psalm 63
- ✓ Psalm 8
- ✓ Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution
- ✓ Apostles' Creed
- ✓ Ancient Egypt history song



## SCIENCE

Students will go through Exploring Creation: *Swimming Creatures of the 5th Day* by Apologia, including activities and projects to make lessons come to life. Topics include:

- ✓ Aquatic mammals
- ✓ Aquatic amphibians and reptiles
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Crustaceans and mollusks
- ✓ The ocean as a habitat



## HISTORY

The focus of third grade history is the ancient world, particularly Egypt. The main text is the Veritas Press history flashcards, *The Old Testament & Ancient Egypt*, with supplemental reading from *The Great Pyramid*, *The Book of the Ancient World* and *The Child's Story Bible*. In addition, students assemble an Ancient Egypt Portfolio which details many aspects of life and culture.



## LITERATURE

The classical purpose for teaching literature is to cultivate wisdom and virtue within a student so he or she is better able to know and enjoy God and the world He has made. To that end, HCA seeks to choose genuine classics that lift students from the realm of mere pragmatism to the realm of ideals (virtue, truth, beauty) so that they develop the capacity to "think God's thoughts after Him" as they encounter them in the Scriptures. In third grade those titles include:

- ✓ *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey
- ✓ *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ✓ *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- ✓ *The Moffats* by Eleanor Estes
- ✓ *Tirzah* by Lucille Travis

At the end of third grade, students are able to read, discuss and evaluate passages similar to the following from *The Moffats*:

### ***The Moffats* p.210**

They stopped for a moment and thought. No. Nothing had been forgotten. Nothing left behind. They went out to the van. Joe and Rufus were already sitting on the back, right under the little stove and Madame. Janey climbed up beside them and Mama climbed up beside the driver. Sylvie ran around from the backyard. In her hand were sprigs of green things she would transplant in the new yard. She climbed up and sat on the ironing board. Now they were ready to go.

The driver said "Giddyap" to the team.

Suddenly Mama said. "Who-a! where is Catherine-the-cat?"



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## MATH

Saxon 5/4 - "Saxon teaches students using a spiral-format that consistently reviews older concepts, adding more and more information to concepts they have previously encountered."

-Saxon Teacher's Edition

### Topics include:

- ✓ Compare the values represented by digits in whole numbers using place value
- ✓ Adding, subtracting, multiplication and division
- ✓ Identify factors and multiples of a number
- ✓ Solve single- and multi- step word problems involving multi-digit multiplication
- ✓ Convert a mixed number to a fraction and vice versa
- ✓ Convert a decimal to a fraction and vice versa
- ✓ Represent multiplication of a two-digit number by a two-digit number with place value models

## GEOGRAPHY

In third grade, students learn about the geography corresponding to the places they study in the history texts.

- ✓ Egyptian geography
- ✓ Israel geography
- ✓ Middle East Countries
- ✓ Middle East Seas/Rivers/ Mountains
- ✓ Middle East Cities/Empires

## LATIN

In their second year of Latin, students transition to the *Latina Christiana 1* text, and supplement with *Famous Men of Rome*. They are instructed in systematic grammar and vocabulary which prepares students to begin *First Form Latin* in fourth grade. Goals in third grade include:

- ✓ Pronounce, spell and translate 200 Latin words
- ✓ Learn 30 Latin sayings, prayers and songs
- ✓ 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs
- ✓ 1st and 2nd declension nouns and adjectives
- ✓ Understand the concept of English words that are derived from Latin.
- ✓ Look at some of the virtues that made Rome great.

## OTHER

- ✓ Weekly Art, Music, PE, and Chorale classes
- ✓ Third grade students use *The Bible for Children* to read through the New Testament and discuss the truth it contains.