



## 3rd Grade Profile

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Classes Available	Two
Teachers	Mrs. Melissa Wolanin Mr. Xavier Rodriguez
Class Size	Maximum 25 students
Teacher Notes	We are very structured in the third grade, yet flexible. We enjoy creativity in our classrooms and focus on our academics and our spirituality. For example, we learn about one saint each day, are involved in hands-on experiments in science, and we love our students and our school.
Highlights	Our students organize, conduct and participate in an annual service project: an eyeglass collection for the Lyon's Club. This is in addition to numerous annual school wide service projects.
Core Curriculum	Religion, Handwriting, Language Arts (Composition, English (grammar), Literature (reading), and Phonics (spelling), Math, Science, Social Studies, and Enrichment in learning Latin and Greek word roots.
Religion	Third Grade actively participates in Mass leadership by doing the readings, responsorial psalms, and prayer petitions at three Masses during the school year. We participate in the school-wide prayer for vocations. Twice per year, we receive the vocation chalice after Wednesday Mass and focus on the prayer for vocations for one week. The special prayer all third graders learn is the Memorare, which is said every day before dismissal. We also pray the Angelus in our pod daily at noon.
Handwriting	The goal in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade is to teach students to write legibly. We review manuscript (printing) and quickly move into cursive. By applying the four Keys to Legibility – shape, size, spacing, and slant – the students evaluate their handwriting and discover techniques to help them improve and refine their writing skills.
Language Arts	The Language Arts Block consists of Composition, English (grammar), Literature (reading), spelling, and Latin and Greek roots.
Latin and Geek Roots	Students are able to increase their ability to create words and learn the meaning of the roots.



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Math	Students continue to study place value and the four basic operations on a higher level. The curriculum also includes units on statistics and probability, measurement and time, geometry, fractions, decimals and an introduction to some algebraic concepts. Overall, we place a strong emphasis on number sense.
Science	In science, hands-on projects such as building models of rock layers and replicating a plant root system using household items. The students also learn about the scientific method and they learn how to interpret data.
Social Studies	In our study of communities in social studies, we learn about landforms, maps, habitats and all aspects of community living. The students will also learn about the structure of local and national government.
Enhanced Curriculum	Spanish, Computer Lab, Music, Physical Education, Library and Art
Field Trips	Third grade attends a performance at Bass Hall every year as well as various trips to museums and an annual trip to the KTVT Weather Day at the Ranger's Ballpark in Arlington. In addition, our students look forward to our annual community service project with the Lion's Club Recycle for Sight Program.
Technology	It is an exciting time for third grade in the field of technology. We iPads and a Promethean board to enrich our knowledge in religion, math, language arts, science, and social studies.