



# THIRD GRADE PROGRAM

The instruction at Trinity Academy includes a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and integrated into each subject area.

## CORE SUBJECTS

*daily instruction*

### BIBLE:

Resource: Deep Roots

- Integrate doctrine through a chronological and thematic study of the Bible
- Study creation, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, the Feasts, the Israelites, Saul, David, and Daniel.
- Study the following topics/character traits: holiness, obedience, faithfulness, grace, forgiveness, patience, love
- Practice spiritual disciplines: prayer, study, daily worship and Scripture memory, prayer/gratitude journals
- Attend weekly Chapel

### READING/LANGUAGE ARTS:

Resources: BJU Adventures in Reading, BJU Grammar, Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW), select novels

- Learn to read with accuracy, fluency and comprehension
- Transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'
- Develop a love for reading
- Read a variety of genres: realistic/historical fiction, fantasy, fable, folktale, tall tale, article, Bible account, biography, poetry, play/reader's theatre, and nonfiction
- Figurative language and poetry writing
- Write paragraphs/stories from a given topic through a key word outline, rough draft, and final draft
- Participate in novel studies

### SPELLING:

Resource: BJU Spelling

- Learn word patterns and irregular spellings
- Learn generalizations in phonics, consonant patterns, and word structure
- Learn contractions and suffixes
- Use word-building and proofreading skills
- Develop an understanding for words' meanings

### HANDWRITING:

Resource: *A Reason for Handwriting: Cursive D*

- Practice proper manuscript and cursive handwriting form
- Demonstrate proper formation of cursive handwriting in daily written work

### MATH:

Resource: BJU Math

- Learn that math mirrors God's stability
- Use appropriate units and tools to estimate, measure and compare
- Read, interpret and graph data
- Study basic geometry, fractions and decimals
- Gain automaticity with multiplication and division facts

### HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

Resource: BJU Press *Heritage Studies/World Regions*

- *Map skills:* Cardinal directions, grids, latitude, longitude, hemispheres, prime meridian, equator, hemispheres
- *Study topics from the eight major world regions:* Africa, Europe, Asia, Oceania, North America, South America, the Caribbean, Central America
- *Topics include:* regions/countries, government, geography/climate, people/cultures, resources/economics, and religions

### SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Science

- Use process skills and the scientific method
- *Earth Science:* the solar system
- *Life Science:* plants, cells, skin, ears/hearing, cold/warm-blooded animals, ecosystems/habitats
- *Physical Science:* matter and sound

## SPECIALS

### TECHNOLOGY:

- Access technology in different curriculum areas
- Learn typing skills
- Become well grounded in computer ethics and digital citizenship

### MUSIC:

- Read, sing and play rhythms using instruments
- Sing and play a variety of musical genres, including hymns and worship music
- Read music on the treble and bass clefs
- Memorize selected songs for performance

### ART:

- Use a variety of art media such as crayons, markers, oil pastels, chalk pastels, watercolor paint, tempera paint, printmaking, collage and clay
- Learn elements of art (line, shape, color, texture, form, value and space)

- Study famous artists and develop vocabulary to discuss and critique famous art
- All art lessons will be taught through a biblical lens in which students understand God is the first and greatest creator, artistic talent comes from God and art can be used to praise God

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

- Learn the basics of Christ-like teamwork
- Work on locomotor skills such as differentiation in speed, using mature patterns in leaping and jumping, etc.
- Improve on manipulative skills such as accuracy in throwing and catching, dribbling with ball control, and kicking and volleying in a mature pattern
- Mature in movement concepts by varying time and force with gradual increase and decrease
- Teach personal responsibility and working with others
- Understand rule etiquette and safety for all
- Play a variety of games related to skills