



PERIMETER SCHOOL
A Covenant Christian Community

Rising Third Grade Information

- Third graders come ready with a great love for learning and expressing their own individuality. They have a great sense of what is fair, and while they are learning about friendships and peer groups, they have many opportunities to grow in these areas. We partner with parents, using biblical principles, to help the children find their identities in Christ and give them tools for building healthy relationships.
- The main differences from second grade: specials begin in third grade (Art, Music, and P.E.), teachers plan and are present for Enrichment Days, students will have more individual projects, and third grade has full days on Tuesday - Thursday. Students will eat lunch at school on those days.
- The Science/History units we will study are as follows: plants, leaves, trees, rocks/minerals, cold and warm-blooded animals, ecosystems, explorers, colonial days (dress up Enrichment Day), the Revolutionary War (dress up Enrichment Day), and the Civil War/Reconstruction.
- We continue using *Wilson Phonics*, building on the foundation from second grade.
- Using *Into Math* enables all students to develop a solid foundation in the language and basic concepts of all areas of math. Our math instruction emphasizes conceptual understanding while reinforcing procedural practice. It also helps students to develop their reasoning before connecting to concepts and skills. It follows three stages. Initially, concepts are introduced, and students engage in productive perseverance to explore the concepts. Then, the teacher assesses student understanding and guides differentiated activities to further develop the concepts for some students and to clarify for others. Lastly, the students further practice the concepts and procedures.
- Literature and Language Arts begin with *Squanto*, *Charlotte's Web*, and others - ending the year with *The Sign of the Beaver*.
- Habits - we suggest that your children have chores over the summer. Reinforce the habits of responsibility, respect, and first-time obedience.
- In Bible, we will study the armor of God, peacemakers, and the life of Christ.
- Students should complete their summer math assignments and summer reading assignments (*Robinson Crusoe*).