

# Third Grade

Third grade in the grammar stage of the trivium is an opportunity to continue to promote their natural curiosity of the world and assist them in gathering knowledge of the world around them while studying God's word covering the major stories up to the entry into Canaan. The class will learn about mammals in their science class, and in social studies will continue to study American History along with capitals and states. The students will do a thorough study of Greek mythology by reading the stories of the Greek gods and goddesses behind the constellations that were named after them in the book *D'Aulaires' Greek Myths*.

Latin studies will continue in Latina Christiana I. Students will not only memorize vocabulary and learn derivatives (English vocabulary that comes from a Latin root) but will also learn declensions, conjugations, and irregular verbs. Students even begin to translate simple sentences.

Composition officially starts in 3rd grade with the addition of outlining, story writing, short essay, and a research paper. Daily read-alouds range from picture books to novels read to the class each day to foster vocabulary growth and hearing of quality writing each day.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

- 8 parts of speech, synonyms, antonyms, prefixes, suffixes
- Punctuation and capitalization
- 20 spelling words per week practicing spelling patterns
- Latina Christiana I

## COMPOSITION

- Creating outlines from essays and writing from outlines
- Learn to take notes from a text
- Summarizing references

## POETRY & LITERATURE

- Reading poems with fluency and expression
- History behind the poem and its author and understanding vocabulary
- Reading classic novels like: *Charlotte's Web*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Moffats*, and *Farmer Boy*

## ARITHMETIC

- All addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts memorized and assessed daily with speed drills
- Long division
- Fractions and decimals

## SCIENCE & HISTORY

- Mammals
- 50 states and capitals
- History of each state

## BIBLE

- 33 Bible verses memorized each year
- Creation through Deuteronomy