

Third Grade

Science and history can have just as much to do with one another as reading and writing. In 3rd grade, students will learn how the history and beliefs of the Greeks directly influenced the study of astronomy. The class 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
- Creating narrative stories
- Poetry
- 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*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, *Farmer Boy*, and *Paddington*

ARITHMETIC

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

SCIENCE & HISTORY

- Astronomy and solar system
- 50 states and capitals
- History of each state

BIBLE

- 33 Bible verses memorized each year
- Creation through Deuteronomy