

Third Grade Overview

	First Semester	Second Semester
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence composition • Paragraph composition • Memorization and recitation • Suffixes • Parts of speech • Punctuation and capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling rules • Folk talks and classic literature • Cursive handwriting • Reading aloud with fluency
Social Studies	<p><i>HISTORY</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient cultures • Ancient writing systems • Native American creation stories • American Frontier 	<p><i>GEOGRAPHY</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latitude and longitude • Mapping skills • Continents and oceans • Ancestry
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movements of Earth and moon • Gravity • Decomposition • Photosynthesis • The water cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather patterns and phenomena • Seasonal changes • Global climate zones
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commutative and associative properties • Borrowing and carrying • Ordinal numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling time • Weights and measures • Money math • Zeros in multiplication
Art	Students explore color through watercolor painting and crayon drawing as they illustrate the many stories and poems presented in language arts.	
Music	Students continue to develop their recorder playing skills by learning several new notes and mastering simple songs.	
Crafts	Students engage in various hands-on activities that help develop fine-motor coordination and focus. Highlights include crocheting a scarf, working with clay, and completing crafts from Oak Meadow's <i>Crafts for the Early Grades</i> .	
Health	The book <i>Healthy Living from the Start</i> provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families explore topics relevant to their child's growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.	