Third Grade Overview

	First Semester		Second Semester	
Language Arts	 Sentence composition Paragraph composition Memorization and recitation Suffixes Parts of speech Punctuation and capitalization 	 Spelling rules Folk talks and classic literature Cursive handwriting Reading aloud with fluency 	 Syllabication Poetry and classic literature Cursive handwriting Reading aloud with fluency Story summaries 	 Vowel-consonant combinations Journaling Correcting faulty sentences Parts of speech Poetry, folk tales, and classic literature
Social Studies	 HISTORY Ancient cultures Ancient writing systems Native American creation stories American Frontier 	GEOGRAPHY • Latitude and longitude • Mapping skills • Continents and oceans • Ancestry	ECONOMICS • Interdependence of resources • Traditional jobs • Specialization and trade	CIVICSForms of governmentLaws and community rules
Science	 Movements of Earth and moon Gravity Decomposition Photosynthesis The water cycle 	 Weather patterns and phenomena Seasonal changes Global climate zones 	• Biomes	• Rock cycle • Geology • Extinct and endangered species
Math	Commutative and associative propertiesBorrowing and carryingOrdinal numbers	Telling timeWeights and measuresMoney mathZeros in multiplication	Form drawingGeometryDivision with remainders	Roman numeralsMultistep mental mathTemperature measurements
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 Crafts for the Early Grades.			
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.			