

# 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

- CIVICS*
- Forms of government
  - Laws and community rules

### Science

- Movements of Earth and moon
- Gravity
- Decomposition
- Photosynthesis
- The water cycle

- Weather patterns and phenomena
- Seasonal changes
- Global climate zones

- Seasonal weather cycles
- Biomes
- Earthquakes and volcanoes
- Erosion and weathering

- Rock cycle
- Geology
- Extinct and endangered species

### Math

- Commutative and associative properties
- Borrowing and carrying
- Ordinal numbers

- Telling time
- Weights and measures
- Money math
- Zeros in multiplication

- Form drawing
- Geometry
- Division with remainders

- Roman numerals
- Multistep mental math
- Temperature 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 *Healthy Living from the Start* 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.