

Trinity Lutheran School

3rd Grade Fact Sheet

The 3rd grade year at Trinity Lutheran School is a year of change and transition for each child academically, socially, and physically. The year starts with your child as a primary student and ends as an intermediate student. We strive to accomplish those things that go with third grade like learning how God has made us special and unique, memorizing multiplication facts, using cursive writing, doing projects, working independently, and using reading to learn new things. These new steps are approached with encouragement and support for your child to develop his/her God-given talents. I plan to work with you and rejoice with you all through the school year.

3rd Grade Goals:

- In Reading, the students will explore various reading genre through small group reading, independent reading, and whole class reading.

Students will explore various reading styles including: poetry, general fiction, non-fiction, biography, historical fiction, fantasy, and mystery. Students will work on reading for information and details. Students will also practice making predictions and comparisons.

- The Language Arts program encourages students to apply grammar rules while using different kinds of writing formats, such as letters, reports, and story writing.

Students are encouraged to use proper grammar and punctuation in their writing while enhancing the overall quality. The spelling program is a combination of both grade level and personal words that challenge the student to expand their everyday vocabulary.

- In Science, the students will work with and identify the steps in the Scientific Method while learning a variety of scientific concepts.

Students have the opportunity to explore the Scientific Method and to explore scientific concepts through a variety of experiments, activities, and projects.

- The Social Studies focus is on communities. Students will learn about early communities in the United States. Students will also identify similarities and differences in current communities in the United States.

Students will learn about communities throughout the United States and what makes each one special and unique. Students will also learn about Marysville and Union County from their early stages to now. We will visit a variety of places in Marysville, as well as, have guest speakers.

- The Math Program challenges the students to solve problems in a variety of ways. Students also explore geometry, fractions and problem solving skills.

The students will learn a variety of methods to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication problems. Students are encouraged to look at all possibilities when solving problems – there may be more than one way to get to the answer.

Throughout the 3rd grade, students work to develop independent work skills and oral presentation skills. Students also work in small groups to accomplish various tasks. Time management skills

begin to develop as the students learn to work with multiple assignments during a given period of time as well as during independent work time. The class works in small groups through weekly center work, as well as, various class assignments. Students complete six different projects, share stories and other assignments to begin developing their oral presentations skills.

Highlights of 3rd Grade at Trinity include:

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS	HOW THIS MEETS/EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS
Walking tour of downtown Marysville government agencies and businesses	Learn about our community and how over time changes have occurred. Role of active citizens.
Book reports done on a Mystery book, a biography book, and a historical fiction book.	Sequencing and retelling of a story. Explore different genre. Learn about different important people in history and how life has changed.
Research report on animals and dinosaurs	Explore, classify & describe habitat, heredity, characteristics, and survival functions. Communicate findings with others.
PowerPoint presentation by each student made as part of the dinosaur report.	Using technology to share information. Communicate findings with others.
Research report on Washington, DC.	Learn about the capital of United States. Role of the government. Our responsibility as a citizen.
Students cook their own lunch.	Wrap up study of nutrition, exercise and stress.
Time Line of student's life	Place historical events in sequential order
Science Experiments	Explore, predict, describe, classify and identify various physical and earth science areas.
Lutheran Memorial Camp	Environmental education experience. Small and large group work.
Weekly computer lab time.	Use appropriate computer search engines and websites.

Weekly Specials Classes

Gym * Foreign Language * Art * Music * Library * Technology

The Trinity Advantage:

Weekly Chapel Services

Certified teachers

Christian faith and values taught every day

Academics that meet and exceed state requirement

Family-centered learning environment for both the children and their parents

