

3rd Grade

Cathedral School

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Welcome

Third grade is a time of transition. In third grade the students go from being one of the "little" kids to being one of the "big" kids.

In third grade the students are guided gradually through this transition. The student's projects, assignments, and responsibilities increase as the year progresses. Handwriting changes from printing to cursive, math changes from adding and subtracting to multiplying and dividing; all in preparation for life as a 4th grader.

Laughter fills our classroom each day, making the third grade classroom the place to be for eight and nine year olds.

Math

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

Mastering our multiplication and division facts is a big part of third grade. We begin right after Thanksgiving and continue until March learning those facts that will be an important base for the math comes in 4th grade. Each week the children work to improve their mastery of the facts with a timed test the children call "mad minutes."



Star Student

Each week beginning in October one student is chosen to be the star student of the week. Star student is a celebration of the uniqueness of each third grader. The students bring in fun items to share with the class including their favorite book. They receive awards and a special snack. The children also complete a book that is all about what makes them one-of-a-kind.



Special Events For 3rd Graders

- Making Rosaries
- Saint Projects
- All Saints Day Mass
- Monthly Poetry Writing
- Learning Chess
- Pre-K Buddies
- Millennium Trail Field Trip
- Star Students
- Cursive Handwriting

Science

Science time has the third graders doing many projects and experiments as we learn about nutrition, buoyancy, the moon, rocks, plants, animals, and simple machines. Our year culminates with a nature walk along the Millennium Trail.

Rosaries

The rosary is a big part of our third grade religious studies. The third graders begin by making their own rosary in September and then during each season of the church year we study and pray the mysteries of the rosary.

