



# Third Grade

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## Holy Cross Lutheran School

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### About the Teachers: Mrs. Stephanie Lear & Mrs. Tracie Reid



**Mrs. Lear** is the third grade homeroom, language arts, and science teacher.

Mrs. Stephanie Lear is a graduate of Friends University with an Elementary Education degree. She is a Certified Academic Language Therapist with experience in reading and math instruction for struggling students. Stephanie has been teaching individual students and small groups in the areas of phonics, reading comprehension, spelling, writing, and math skills at Holy Cross for the past 10 years.

She and her husband, Rex, have two boys, Dylan, a HC grad, and Anthony currently at HC. Stephanie enjoys watching her boys participate in various activities, going on family vacations and worshipping together in church.

Prior to being led into the profession of teaching, Stephanie worked as a nurse in the NICU and a volunteer nurse practitioner at a local low-income clinic.



**Mrs. Reid** teaches third grade math, social studies, religion and is our technology teacher.

Mrs. Tracie Reid earned her Elementary Education Degree from Wichita State University and her Masters in Instructional Technology from Fort Hays State University. She completed the 3-year training program in Alphabetic Phonics. Mrs. Reid has taught third grade at Holy Cross

since 1996.

She and her husband, Scott, have two children, Melissa and Alex, who are both Holy Cross graduates. She enjoys playing games together as a family, being involved in music, and watching old movies.

### SUMMARY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS

#### In relationship to God

- ◇ The student grows in the grace and knowledge of the Triune God,
- ◇ The student is taught to live a Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that he/she has the assurance of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and
- ◇ The student gains knowledge of the Bible and its contents.

#### In relationship to self, others, and community

- ◇ The student will develop a positive self-image, and
- ◇ The student will develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for living a productive Christian life as a responsible member of his/her church, community, and world.

#### In relationship to intellectual development

- ◇ The student will develop academic talents and skills to the fullest extent of his/her ability,
- ◇ The student will develop positive attitudes toward learning, and
- ◇ The student shall be exposed to cultural activities, fine

### Third Grade Curriculum Overview

#### Biblical Studies

In this course third graders learn of the fantastic love of Jesus, the One who forgives all of their sins, the great love of God for sending His only Son to die for them, and the power the Holy Spirit gives them to live daily for Jesus. Together with a study of the Ten Commandments, the lessons are based upon selected Bible stories, which span Biblical history from Creation to Pentecost.

Memory work is assigned weekly.

Textbook: *One in Christ*, by Concordia Publishing House.

#### Language Arts

The Language Arts program, *Wonders* by McGraw Hill, is designed to provide students with many opportunities to explore reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The curriculum expands the student's reading ability by emphasizing comprehension and reading for information and for enjoyment. Award winning literature provide for the application of reading skills and the enjoyment of reading. Reading various kinds of literature, narrative, folk tales, biography, poetry, fiction and nonfiction, and drama, expand the student's understanding of literature.

By emphasizing the writing process, students gain firsthand applications for the grammar, spelling, and writing skills which they learn in class.

The transition to cursive handwriting takes place in third grade.

Texts are: Reading: *Wonders* by McGraw Hill

Handwriting: *D'Nealian Handwriting* by Scott Foresman

Grammar: *Grammar Usage and Mechanics* by Zaner-Bloser

#### Mathematics

Third grade math emphasizes the mastery of the basic operations of addition and subtraction, expands multiplication, and introduces division. With their understanding of all four methods of computation for whole numbers, students now apply the skills learned to other number systems, particularly fractions. Measurements of length, time, weight, capacity, and temperature in both standard and metric systems, are explored.

Text: *Savaas; envision Mathematics*

#### Social Studies

In third grade the Social Studies program is a comparative study of many different kinds of communities, and how all communities are interdependent upon each other. By understanding how communities are also dependent upon the environment, students will see the importance of using God's creation responsibly and give thanks to Him for all that He has created. Our systems of state and national governments are also studied, with an emphasis being placed on responsible Christian citizenship.

Class activities integrate literature and emphasize the writing process throughout the year as well as, audio-visuals, and field trips. The use of maps, globes, time lines, and graphs are taught and become important skills to be used in many areas of learning.

A study of Kansas is also included and emphasizes the development of the important study skills of gathering information, doing research, note taking, simple outlining, and writing of reports using the writing process.

Text: *Our Communities* by Harcourt

#### Science

The science program in third grade is divided into four science strands, life science, physical science, earth science, and the science, engineering technology. Through hands-on activities and study students investigate forces and motion, energy and its forms, weather patterns, the nature of science, technology and the design process, plants, living things, and ecosystems. Textbook: *Interactive Science*, Pearson.