



Third Grade

Learning with a
Higher Purpose

Holy Cross Lutheran School

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About the Teacher: Mrs. Amy Goltl



I grew up in Houston, Texas and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University Texas in 2020. Since then, I have taught both 1st and 3rd grade in Lutheran schools in Texas, Missouri, Florida, and now Kansas. My husband, Matthew, recently graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and is a Pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy playing board games, trying new coffee shops, and spending time with family.

My favorite Bible verse is Hebrews 11:1- "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

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 arts, and various types of music through classroom study, exhibits, direct participation, and field trips.

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. Curriculum: *Mystery Science*, and *SuperSTEM* by Scholastic

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 Revelation.

Memory work is assigned weekly.

Textbook: *Enduring Faith*, by Concordia Publishing House.

Language Arts

EBLI is designed to provide students with many opportunities to explore reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Scholastic News and novel studies 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.

Curriculum: *EBLI, Scholastic News*, and various novel studies

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.

Curriculum: *Tang Math*

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, and writing of a report using the writing process.

Text: *TCI –Our Communities and Beyond*



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About the Teachers: Mrs. Stephanie Lear & Mrs. Tracie Reida



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

Mrs. Stephanie Lear is a graduate of Friends University with an Elementary Education degree. She is an Academic Language Therapist with experience in reading and math instruction for struggling students. Mrs. Lear has taught third grade at Holy Cross since 2019. She has 17 years of language instruction experience.

She and her husband, Rex, have two boys, Dylan and Anthony. Stephanie enjoys attending music productions with her husband, going on family trips, reading, and worshiping together in church.



Mrs. Reida teaches third grade math, religion and is our technology teacher.

Mrs. Tracie Reida 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. Reida 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 the 10:37 service, and watching old movies.

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