

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

"Young minds can achieve great things . . ."

Welcome to Third Grade!

Listed below are some key objectives from the Diocesan Curriculum Guide for this grade level. This list includes objectives that are unique to this grade and it is important to remember that each curriculum builds on the one before it. This document is in no way intended to be a comprehensive list.

Religion

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to recognize the human call to be stewards of God's creation
- to discuss the mission of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king
- to explain that the Church continues the mission of Jesus on earth
- to recognize the visible structure of the Church and its teaching authority which was established by Christ with ordained ministers
- to define and identify sacramentals as well as to discuss the meaning of liturgical gestures such as kneeling, genuflecting and singing
- to know and recite the Rosary
- to discuss how we apply the social dimensions of the Gospel to our daily relationships

Language Arts

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to listen to identify specific information from a speaker's message: instructional materials from content area, etc.
- to read a variety of genres (including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry), both contemporary and classic works, for pleasure and/or information from print and electronic sources
- to learn the functions of: compound words, homographs, syllable divisions, prefixes and suffixes
- to identify characteristics of myths, mysteries, adventures, comedies, autobiographies/biographies and acts in a play
- to develop test-taking skills by: reading and following directions, interpreting various test formats, identifying word cues, and reading all choices before choosing an answer
- to develop basic sentence patterns and variations
- to select and use reference materials and resources as needed for writing as well as rewrite a final draft
- to respond to literature and demonstrate learning through oral and written reports, drawing, painting, etc.
- to apply the writing process to journals, book reports, factual reports and short stories
- to demonstrate proper formation of cursive letters

Math

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to read, write, and use at least three-digit numbers and to identify place value
- to solve three- and four-digit addition and subtraction problems with regrouping
- to recall multiplication/division facts through 12
- to find common factors of a set of numbers and to list as least six multiples of a given number
- to round whole numbers
- to discuss alternate solution strategies and relationships among problems
- to use concrete models of customary and metric units to measure length, height, volume, capacity, weight, and mass

Science

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to compare and contrast physical and chemical changes as well as properties of matter
- to formulate a hypothesis based on direct and indirect evidence
- to describe and identify parts of the solar system as well as to investigate human exploration of space
- to define energy, force, magnetism, and electricity
- to explain how machines can conserve energy

Social Studies

Our goal for your child is for him/her to learn:

- to understand and determine latitude and longitude as it relates to absolute location on both maps and globes
- to gather information and to construct a map as well as be familiar with an atlas
- to describe the structure and functions of the local government
- to recognize a citizen's obligation to apply Christ's teachings
- to identify ways in which people are both producers and consumers
- to use news sources (in an age-appropriate way) to identify and discuss current events in the community and world

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