

Third Grade Curriculum Map

	Reading	English	Spell./Phonics	Math	Science
September	Individual assessments of reading level. Focus skill-decoding long words.	4 types of sentences, sentence structure. Writing good sentences using rich vocabulary.	Assessment of developmental spelling level. Review of short vowels, blends, consonant digraphs.	Place value to hundred thousands place, comparing, rounding, and ordering numbers.	
October	Identifying story elements, author's purpose, identifying genres.	Nouns, generating ideas for writing, responding to a writing prompt.	Long vowel teams (ea, oa, ai) VCe patterned words.	Review of addition with regrouping. Word problem strategies.	Plants: life cycle, parts of a plant, importance in food chain.
November	Dictionary skills, synonyms, antonyms, homophones.	Paragraph writing: topic sentence, adding details, closing sentence.	Consonant digraphs:kn, wr, gh, and others.	Subtracting larger numbers with regrouping, subtracting through a middle zero.	Animals: Vertebrate, invertebrate, animal adaptations, animals of long ago.
December	Summarizing, context clues, understanding sequence.	Introduction to 6+1 trait writing: Organization and Ideas emphasized.	Vowel digraphs: oi, oy, ou, ow.	Multiplication concepts and patterns, facts memorized through the five table.	Animal study continues. Experiment prepared for Science Fair.
January	Creating mental images, drawing conclusions.	Pronouns, paragraph writing continues, Sentence Fluency emphasized.	Vowel digraphs- different sounds of oo. "R" controlled vowels.	Dividing using divisors 1-5. Telling time to the nearest minute, elapsed time.	Biomes and ecosystems: Desert, grassland, ocean, tundra, forest.
February	Using prefixes and suffixes, making and confirming predictions.	Researching and writing a report. Monthly book reports expected in subsequent months.	Homophones, ûr sound.	Multiplying and dividing higher numbers. Multiplying 4 digits by 1 digit.	Health Science: Nutrition and practicing good health habits.
March	Adjusting reading rate and other strategies for nonfiction.	Verbs, revising and editing. Conventions emphasized.	Suffixes: er, est. Rules for adding endings (ed, ing, s)	Continued study of multiplication and division, word problem strategies.	Earth Science: the water cycle, erosion, weather.
April	Main idea and details, cause and effect.	Adjectives, figurative language, poetry. Author's Voice and Word Choice emphasized.	VCV words (Vowel, consonant vowel pattern).	Division with a remainder, graphs, concepts of probability.	Earth Science: Classification of rocks and soil, landforms, conservation.
May	Review of genres studied; fantasy, realistic fiction, expository nonfiction.	Adverbs, writing a how-to paragraph. Writing for an audience and Presentation emphasized.	Longer suffixes(tion, ful, able, etc.).	Customary and metric measurement: units of weight, length, capacity and mass.	Rain forest unit. Concepts include interdependence of plants and animals, human impact on the environment, and need for conservation.
June	End of year assessments, independent reading.	Review of grammar. 6+1 traits synthesized in writing a fictional piece.	The schwa sound, words ending in le and al.	Introduction to fractions. Geometry: plane figures, area, perimeter, volume.	

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Social Studies	Religion
Review of basic map skills. Introduction to political and physical maps. Time for Kids used on an ongoing basis.	Early life of Jesus, imitating Jesus in the classroom community.
What is a community? Reasons given for the need for laws and government. Responsibilities of citizens.	The Church's beginnings. Research on a saint.
Pilgrim unit: trade books, movies, project. Field trip to Plymouth Plantation in alternating years.	All Saints' Day celebration and projects. Jesus' mission and ministry.
Citizenship and government. Basic structure of government and national symbols.	Advent, celebrating and preparing for Christmas.
Physical features of the Earth, basic geography, reading a landform map. Black History unit.	Celebrating and learning about the sacraments. Understanding the Mass.
Famous Americans who contributed to the growth of our country.	Reconciliation, understanding sin and God's love and forgiveness.
Study of local history and how communities change over time.	Lenten preparations emphasizing service to others.
Basic history of the United States and its westward growth.	Understanding and respecting other religions, the universality of the Catholic Church.
Rain forest unit. Ties in concepts of geography, Earth science, and need for conservation.	Devotion to Mary, weekly praying of the rosary.
Rain forest unit continues, culminating in project.	Understanding the Kingdom of God and our part in it.