

Third Grade Information Sheet

At Fortis Academy, students in grades K-5 are enrolled in the Grammar School. During these six years children have an incredible capacity to learn and store copious amounts of information. We, as educators, take advantage of this time by maintaining high expectations on material being learned. Our aim is to fill and form a child's mind, first with the truth and beauty of God's sovereignty, and second with the facts of each subject necessary to grow in understanding and wisdom.

In scripture we regularly see the words *knowledge*, *understanding*, and *wisdom* distinguished one from the other: "For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding," Proverbs 2:6. The grammar stage corresponds to the scriptural term *knowledge*. "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge," Proverbs 19:27.

Morning Assembly

All students attending Fortis Academy gather each morning before school begins for a brief time of worship. This assembly takes place from 8:45-8:55 behind the school at the cross. Principals and upper school students lead traditional hymns, prayers, and read scripture. This is a peaceful time for students to come together and have the opportunity to reflect on how God has blessed our school and how they can contribute to a healthy school atmosphere that glorifies Him. "*Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*" I Peter 1:13-16

Parent Role: Co-Teacher – begin independent work in areas deemed appropriate

At Home Work Time: approximately 3-4 hours per homeschool day

THIRD GRADE CORE:

Language Arts

Third grade language arts include spelling, grammar, writing, and reading. The solid grammar and writing skills introduced in first and second grade are further developed with advanced classification of sentences and detailed writing of 1-paragraph papers based on key word outlines. Beginning in the second semester, students are required to write papers in cursive. Students are expected to read a minimum of 12 books during their third grade year. Six of these are to be read with the class in order for weekly discussions to take place. Six additional books may be chosen from the Fortis booklist to be read independently. Teachers organize structured and engaging activities as a response to literature for each required reading book. Students' ability to complete written narrations is developed throughout the year. Attention is given to the development of strong vocabulary usage.

Math

Third grade Singapore math features the Concrete> Pictorial> Abstract approach. Students begin by learning through concrete and pictorial means before moving into abstract thought and development, which encourages an active thinking process, communication of mathematical ideas and problem solving. Math 3A teaches numbers and number patterns to 10,000, addition and subtraction including 2-step word problems, multiplication and

division, quotient and remainder, multiplication tables of 6, 7, 8, and 9 and money. Math 3B teaches mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, length, capacity, graphs, fractions, time, geometry, area and perimeter.

History

Students explore and examine the culture and key events of a particular time period through our curriculum *Mystery of History*. With assistance from teacher and co-teacher, students gain knowledge through quality literature, hands-on activities and time line figures. Students read lessons at home and respond by narrating orally to a parent. Knowledge of key historical dates and other history-related memory work are regularly assessed.

Science

The focus of Science is to explore and celebrate God's creation. Students will use Apologia Science to gain knowledge and understanding of a concentrated Science subject. At home, students and parents read the text and discuss using questions specifically designed to draw the student's attention to key material. In class, hands-on experiments and activities take place to solidify new information. Science-related memory work will be assessed regularly throughout the year.

Memory Work

Memorization is a crucial tool for students in the grammar stage. It is how the bedrock of facts is built, upon which the house of dialectic and rhetoric stands. For continued practice in memorization, third grade memory work builds from the second grade level to include lengthier Bible verses and poetry. Students also memorize geography, math facts, science and history facts, grammar rules, spelling rules, and more.

SUMMER PREPARATION:

Keep reading! For a list of Classical literature, go to <http://www.classical-homeschooling.org/celoop/1000.html>. To grow in writing skills, have students copy bible verses and beautiful poetry. Review AAS word and phonograms cards.

Math: Review addition/subtraction, multiplication of doubles (2x2, 3x3), and multiplication facts. Practice complex story problems. Consider purchasing Mind Benders workbook for a fun challenge!

THIRD GRADE CO-TEACHER SUPPLIES:

1 large dry erase board for use with All About Spelling phonics tiles, pencil sharpener, 1-1.5" binder (style/color your choice), Office Max Write On 8-tab Color plastic divider (Item # 20615390), page protectors, 3-hole hole punch, tape dispenser, stapler