



3rd Grade

RAIDER PRIDE IS HARD TO HIDE

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

CURRICULUM

*Religion

Understanding the Creed

Define and explain sainthood

Identify liturgical seasons

Know the divisions of Mass

Define the 7 Sacraments

List and Understand the 10 Commandments

Prayers

Distinguished Reverence

Building a Personal Relationship with God

Academic and Social Curriculums

Developmentally Appropriate Integration through Active Learning

Cross Grade and Curricular Leveled Activities

Formative Assessments

Parent Portal

Extended Care Options

Language Arts / Reading

Students experience literature in the form of nonfiction, fiction, poetry, folktales and plays. Reading comprehension and fluency develops and improves as students are presented with the following skills:

- Use of root words, word origins and derivations'
- Synonyms, antonyms and homonyms
- Identify and explain cause and effect patterns
- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Strategies to improve fluency and understanding
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Writing

- Apply spelling, phonetic patterns, and parts of speech
- Apply grammar and mechanics of writing
- Be able to write correctly in the following formats; persuasive, informative, narrative, letter writing, poetry, autobiography, research and book reports
- Speech and communication

Social Interactions

Classroom responsibilities

Conceptual review s

Verbal sharing through retelling of stories

Language and Memory Development

Team time for problem solving and sharing

Respect

DEAR program (Drop everything and Read)

Arts and Crafts

Brain Gym

Snack Time

Puzzles and Tabletop Games

Self-Directed Activities

Leaning/listening Centers

Technology Integration

MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Our Physical Education program enhances both large and small muscle development, balance , hand-eye and foot-eye coordination.

The fundamental development of skills for both team and individual sports is the emphasis for 3rd grade students. Basic rules are introduced.

MUSIC

Our music program emphasizes reading basic music, vocal rendition and appreciation of various genres and artists.

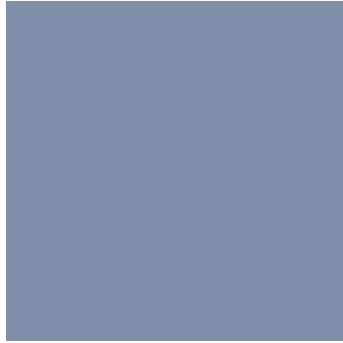
Where Children Grow In Wholeness and Holiness



***Math**

Instruction includes hands-on activities to develop concepts. The students are introduced to the following areas of study:

- Multiplication and division
- Place values / decimals
- Multi-digit computation with regrouping
- Fractions
- Solving word problems
- Geometry and spatial sense
- Statistics and probability
- Equality and inequality
- Algebraic analysis



“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.” Sydney J. Harris

Social Studies

Students will focus on:

- Applying the skills of historical analysis and interpretation
- The influences of key figures and groups in the history of Illinois
- Identify the environmental factors that influenced settlers to Illinois
- The influences of transportation and trade in Illinois
- Nationalities, ancestors, customs, traditions in families, states, cultures, religions and throughout the world
- How scientific and technological advances influence the lives of Americans
- U.S. and World geography – continents, major rivers and lakes, oceans, and landforms
- Characteristics and interactions on the earth’s physical systems

Science

Hands on and interactive science will help students develop the process of scientific inquiry including the areas of:

- Technology and design
- Living organisms – categorization, features, life cycle, and other identifying information
- Properties of matter and energy and the interaction between them
- Force and motion and the principles that explain them
- Magnetism
- Features and processes of Earth and its resources
- Weather
- Natural cycles
- Solar System

Additional academic and social opportunities:

*Music

*Physical education

*Art

*Technology

*Piano lessons

*School Choir

*Intramurals

*Special Occasion projects

*Enrichment Days

*Vacation Bible School

*Summer activities

*Service projects

*All School Spelling Bee

*Catholic Schools Week activities

*Drama

*Family Mass

*Home and School Social activities