

Third Grade Teachers

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Grade Three Web News

The third grade English Language Arts program is centered on the Houghton Mifflin Reading Series. Reading, writing, language, and spelling are all incorporated into this program. There are many resource materials to go along with the program including computer software and websites, guided readers, practice books, and CDs. Cursive handwriting is taught at this level, and mastery is a goal by the end of the second marking period. The Words Their Way spelling program will be used this year.

Mathematics in third grade deals heavily with problem solving, communicating mathematically, real world situations, and mathematical reasoning. Students are involved in various strategies with as much hands-on experience as possible. Multiplication and division become a focus throughout the year.

Social Studies concepts taught include map skills (incorporated in all units), ECON, Carroll County, and Regions of the World (including China and Mexico). ECON is a basic introduction to economics and is stressed throughout the other social studies units. China Day will be held in May and will include a storyteller and a sampling of foods eaten in China. A field trip to the Carroll County Historical Society and Union Mills Homestead is usually scheduled in late April or early May to show the children about life in Carroll County in the 1800's.

Science includes the units on Physical Science, Chemistry, Road Trip Across Maryland, and Living Things. Our young scientists will be busy throughout the year with many experiments. They will also use the results from their experiments to draw conclusions and make predictions.

In computer lab, all third graders are working in a program called Type to Learn. This program systematically helps them type accurately while looking at the computer screen rather than their fingers. They are using Freedom's website for additional reading, grammar, spelling, and math practice. Using Microsoft Word, they are accessing pictures and writing short stories. They will learn to use their research skills to create a PowerPoint slideshow. Study Island, a web-based assessment program, will be used by third graders at school and at home to strengthen math and reading skills. Raz-kids will also be used for reading fluency at home.

What a great year to be a third grader at Freedom!!!!