

Grade Three Overview

Classroom Experience:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

Specialists: Technology, Spanish, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library

Student/Teacher Ratio: Moderately-sized classes

School Day	8:15 am - 2:45 pm	
	Morning recess	15 minutes
	Lunch/recess	25 minutes/30 minutes
	Afternoon recess	15 minutes

Third Grade Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed learners ready to solve the real-world challenges set before them. Using technology, research, and communication skills, students begin to develop a worldview where student see themselves as a valuable contributor and leader in various local and global communities.

Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on living out the daily Christian walk, studying the lives of Old Testament heroes, memorizing God's Word, and putting faith into action through missions.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on committing Bible verses to memory that are integrated with current areas of study.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is on student leadership in a weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian through guest pastors from the community.
- **KING'S KIDS:** Emphasis is on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

Academic Life:

Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on interacting with and developing a student's abilities to comprehend texts of varied genres and with increasing complexity, exploring a variety of reading strategies and inspiring a love for reading.
- **Spelling:** Emphasis is on letter patterns, consonant/vowel patterns, contractions, compounds, homophones, and using a variety of strategies and resources to spell words.
- **Writing:** Emphasis is on learning writing traits, editing/revising written work, developing research skills, and penmanship in applications such as narrative, descriptive, and expository writing.

- **Listening/Speaking:** Emphasis is on public speaking, retelling, inferring, discerning, collaborating, summarizing, text based discussions, and presentation skills.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on safely acquiring the skills to select, evaluate, and use information effectively, including digital, visual, and technological resources. Students develop reading skills utilizing a variety of literary genres, understand call numbers and Dewey Decimal System.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing receptive language skills using music, games, activities, and stories to develop a love for the Spanish language and culture.

STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on investigation skills, the study of matter and its properties, and the study of force and energy using hands-on, inquiry based strategies.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on advanced programs, painting and word processing, while researching and capturing images from the web, saving files to a personal hard drive folder, resulting in a digital presentation. Learning is enhanced with the use of the SmartBoard, iPads, iTouch and computers.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on building and programming using class sets of WeDo robotics kits, netbooks, and iPads. Students become engineers by designing, constructing, implementing, and systematizing.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis on building skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, model drawings, expressions, measurement, classification, proportional relationships skill consolidation, in preparation for critical and relative problem-solving. Students participate in an ability based math group learning environment that will promote conceptual understanding through a focus on problem solving.

Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on the development, growth and culture of communities; map skills, colonial history, citizenship, government, holidays and traditions.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Teamwork, cooperation, and communication are used to strategize and problem solve as students explore physical and health science through sports, games, activities, and health labs.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on respecting others and treating others the way they want to be treated. Students learn to stand up to negative behaviors, and have empathy for those who need help. Emphasis is on knowing how to use digital media in a safe manner. Students also learn how to be safe, respectful and treat others with respect and kindness when communicating on line through social media.

Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on art appreciation, art literacy, elements of art, and observing and experiencing art in many forms.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on participation in group singing, rhythmic activities and engaging musical games; reinforcing musical concepts through story, digital/visual aids, hands-on exploration of percussion instrument, and movement; development of choral and public performance skills; studying music history; and nurturing an appreciation for and enjoyment of various music styles and worship.

Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Friday:** Emphasis is on specialized labs that bring exciting, enriching, inspiring explorations in STEM for K-6.
- **Service:** Emphasis is on serving and helping other people; locally, regionally, and globally.
- **Extended Learning Trips:** Burke Museum, Nutcracker, Nordic Museum, CRISTA/King's Garden Community, and SPIRIT 105.3 radio station.
- **Events:** Fall Parent Information Night, Taproot Theatre Anti-bully, Christmas and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Hooray Day, Knights of Honor, Robotics Teams, Experience King's Open House.

Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
 - Growing with God: Positive Action for Christ.
- **Literacy: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
 - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
 - ¡Hola niños!: K-3 TPRS Curriculum.
- **Science:**
 - Science: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Technology:**
 - Technology Education Series by Structured Learning (32 Lessons Every 3rd Grader Can Accomplish on a Computer: Mavis, Edmodo
- **Engineering:**
 - WeDo robotics kit, LEGO Education; class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Math:**
 - Math in Focus, Singapore Math: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- **Social Science:**
 - Our Communities: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Life Skills:**
 - Digital Citizenship: Common Sense Media.
 - Bully Prevention Unit; Second Step: Committee For Children.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
 - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children: Dauer & Pangraz.
 - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
 - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.
- **Art:**
 - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
 - Theory Time for Third Grade: Theory Time Partners, Harcourt Foresman
 - Junior Voice Works: by Kevin Stannard, Oxford Univ. Press.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
 - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, YouTube and more.