



AMERICAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

RUTHERFORD

## THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM

**IN THIRD GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

- write three types of paragraphs: informative, narrative, and persuasive
- learn the principal parts of a sentence through the use of sentence diagramming
- identify the parts of speech in a sentence: subject, verb, adverb, adjective, preposition, etc.
- learn to write using compound subjects, compound verbs, and compound direct objects

**IN THIRD GRADE LITERATURE** our students will read or listen to:

- novels such as *Black Beauty*, *Farmer Boy*, and *The Princess and the Goblin*
- stories from classic collections such as *The Arabian Nights* and *The Jungle Book*
- myths from D'Aulaires Book of Norse Myths such as "The Valkyries and Valhalla"
- myths from Ancient Greece and Rome such as "Jason and the Golden Fleece"

**IN THIRD GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- the various types of geographic features: channel, delta, isthmus, plateau, strait, etc.
- Ancient Rome, its geography, its prosperity, its laws, as well as its decline and fall
- the Vikings, their culture, and their early travels to North America
- the native peoples of North America including the Pueblos, Apaches, Mohicans et al.
- the history and political systems of the Thirteen Colonies and related geography

**IN THIRD GRADE MATH** our students will:

- apply their basic arithmetic (add, subtract, multiply, divide) skills to word problems
- solve mathematical problems using long division and fractions
- learn to read and use the data from pictographs, bar graphs, and tables
- find area and perimeter for basic geometric shapes such as rectangles

**IN THIRD GRADE SCIENCE** our students will:

- be introduced to how scientists classify animals according to shared characteristics
- study the basics of astronomy focusing on sun, moon, stars, and solar system
- identify the various systems of the human body and describe their parts and functions
- observe the properties of light and sound and learn the basics of optics and acoustics

**IN THIRD GRADE ART** our students will:

- study the art of native North America, Ancient Rome, and Byzantium
- observe how artists such as Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Hopper use light and shadow
- create their own artwork using the principles of light, shadow, and perspective

**IN THIRD GRADE MUSIC** our students will:

- participate regularly in choral music, singing accompanied and unaccompanied
- hum melodies while listening to classical music from Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Gershwin, etc.
- become familiar with brass and woodwind instruments by sight and sound

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**IN THIRD GRADE**  
our students read:

*Black Beauty*  
*Farmer Boy*  
*The Arabian Nights*  
*The Princess and the Goblin*  
"Cupid and Psyche"  
"Jason and the Golden Fleece"  
"The Death of Balder"  
"Thor, the Thunder-god"  
*The Jungle Book*  
"The Hunting of the Great Bear"  
"The People Could Fly"

**IN THIRD GRADE**  
our students memorize:

"Break, Break, Break"  
"First Thanksgiving of All"  
"The Fly"  
"The Quangle-Wangle's Hat"  
"Requiem"  
"Sea Shell"