



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"