



**Concord Lutheran School**  
**Bensenville, IL**  
Curriculum Guide  
**Third Grade**

Welcome to Concord in the name of our Lord Jesus. We believe that communication is vital to the success of our students. Our partnership with parents and families will help your understanding of the school's goals and skills in your child's grade level. As a child of God we value highly the success of our students. This guide is a brief summary of the curriculum that your child will experience at Concord Lutheran School.

### **Religion**

*Through the religion curriculum students will continue their lifelong journey in the Christian faith. The relationship God has with us and others is one that is not only lifelong but eternal. It is a living and ongoing process. As people of faith, it is our fervent prayer that the study of the Word of God allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through all who study and work here so that their lives might be one of Christian hope, service, and love.*

Third grade students will learn:

- God's Word through the books of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments
- Daily conversations about faith and the Christian life
- Old Testament ( Genesis and the history of Israel)
- New Testament( life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; parables; miracles; early Christian church, and the church year)
- Life and times of Martin Luther (prayer and song)
- About being good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures as they serve others and support a mission opportunity with their weekly chapel offering

### **Language Arts**

*Through the study of language arts, students will learn to read fluently and understand a broad range of written materials. They must be able to communicate well and listen carefully and effectively. They should develop a command of the language and demonstrate their knowledge through speaking and writing for a variety of audiences and purposes. In addition, students must be able to study, retain, and use information from many sources.*

Students will:

- Summarize a given text
- Compare and contrast fiction and nonfiction text on the same topic
- Recognize the style of a variety of authors and illustrators
- Use the writing process to pre-draft, draft, revise, edit, and publish narrative, persuasive, non-fiction, fiction, poetry and expository written work
- Connect reading and writing
- Write using correct grammatical form
- Learn cursive
- Read a variety of literature
- Work on comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and reading strategies
- Develop their listening and speaking skills through class activities

## **Math**

*The mathematics curriculum provides necessary number, problem-solving, and high-order thinking skills that will benefit the students in all phases of their lives. Students will be instructed by challenging them to succeed to the best of their God-given abilities.*

Students will:

- Develop a working knowledge of key vocabulary when speaking and writing about mathematics
- Use a variety of strategies to solve problems
- Use math symbols correctly
- Work on units on money, time, and measurement
- Know their basic addition and subtraction facts from 0 to 20
- Develop multiplication and division concepts and facts, such as multiply a two and three digit number by a one-digit number
- Divide a two-digit number by a one-digit divisor with and without remainders
- Describe and make generalizations about geometric and numeric patterns
- Collect and record data as well as formulate predictions from charts and graphs

## **Science**

*The science curriculum emphasizes that God created the universe and is the preserver of all the laws of nature. The interpretation of scientific data is done in accordance with God's Word. The students are exposed to a variety of authentic learning experiences to nurture creative and critical thinking skills. It seeks to enable students to develop these skills and is designed to teach students to seek God in all things and to treat all of God's creation in a loving and respectful manner.*

Students will:

- Describe the use of plants and their functions
- Identify animal types and their roles
- Understand lifecycles, ecosystems, and landforms
- Distinguish the parts of the human body and its systems
- Explain the roles of simple machines
- Describe the concepts of force, motion, and energy
- Identify the parts of the solar system and aspects of weather

## **Social Studies**

*The social studies curriculum emphasizes the study of the individual Christian's relationships with other human beings and with God's world. The students will learn to respect and appreciate others and our environment as a unique gift from God. Critical thinking skills are practiced so that students learn how to make value judgments and wise decisions.*

Students will:

- Understand state geography and natural resources
- Distinguish the parts of rural, urban, and suburban communities
- Explain the roles of Native Americans, the Pilgrims, and Pioneers
- Understand the aspects of government at the state and federal level